

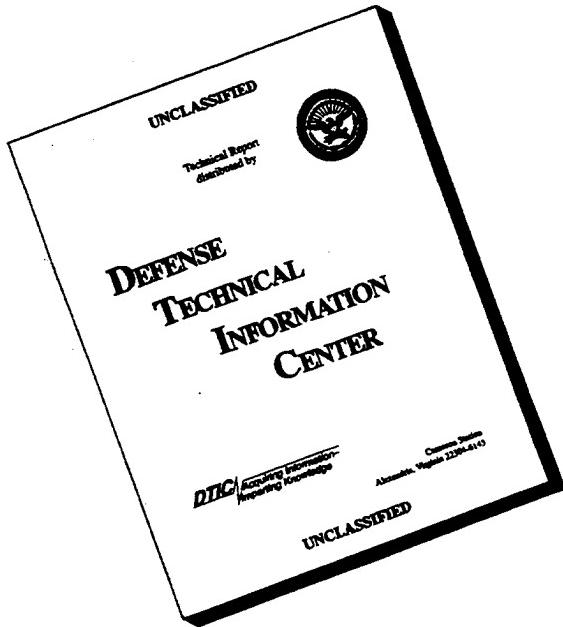
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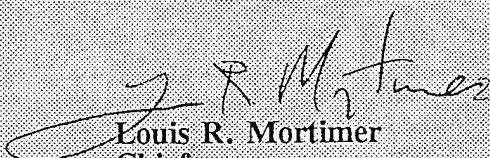
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This study was prepared to provide support for estimates on China's policy and strategy. The monthly series lists important foreign and domestic events in chronological order.

**PRC POLICY AND STRATEGY:  
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**January 1986**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF JANUARY 1986

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 Jan 86 General Secretary Hu Yaobang spends New Year's Day with troops on Xisha Islands, South China Sea
- 1 Jan 86 Report that secret CCP document bans import of Japanese consumer goods after 1 Jan 86; another report specifies that television sets will not be imported
- 3 Jan 86 Vice Foreign Minister Qian Qichen denies improvement in Sino-Soviet political relations
- 6 Jan 86 Chinese ship sets sail as part of US-China joint weather research project
- 7 Jan 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry refutes Viétnamese claims to Nansha and Xisha Islands
- 10 Jan 86 China hopes to resume membership in GATT (not a participant since 1950)
- 12 Jan 86 China supports DPRK's stand on cessation of military exercises in Korea
- 12 Jan 86 US and Chinese navies conduct passing exercise in South China Sea; two Chinese ships en route home from first tour of foreign countries since 1949; return home 19 Jan 86
- 13 Jan 86 CCP reportedly discussing resuming party ties with Japanese Communist Party
- 16 Jan 86 Third Japanese consulate general opens in Shenyang
- 18 Jan 86 British Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Timothy Renton visits China to discuss international issues and Hong Kong
- 18 Jan 86 Nicaraguan Minister of Planning and Budget and Advisor to President Dionisio Marenco leads first high-ranking delegation from Nicaragua to China since establishment of diplomatic relations in December 1985
- 22 Jan 86 China opens first consulate in Romania in Constanta
- 23 Jan 86 Sino-Soviet trade protocol for 1986 signed
- 28 Jan 86 First international defense equipment exhibition opens in Beijing

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF JANUARY 1986

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 1 Jan 86 China has completed reorganization of field armies into group armies
- 8 Jan 86 Crowds gather on Tiananmen Square to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Premier Zhou Enlai's death
- 9 Jan 86 Conference of Cadres of Central Organs meets in Beijing; leading group to improve party style in central organs set up
- 10 Jan 86 14th session of Sixth NPC Standing Committee opens; proposal to change Ministry of Radio and Television to Ministry of Radio, Cinema, and Television
- 19 Jan 86 State Economic Commission issues six requirements to implement Zhao Ziyang's guidelines on economic ties and reforms
- 22 Jan 86 China's imports and exports for 1985 totalled \$59.2 billion, an increase of 19 percent over 1984 and 56.6 percent over 1980; China will strive to reduce trade deficit with foreign countries during the 7th Five-Year Plan period (1986-1990) by changing the composition of imports and exports
- 24 Jan 86 State Council issues revised joint venture regulations increasing maximum term from 30 to 50 years, effective 1 Feb 1986
- 24 Jan 86 Deng Xiaoping commends personnel for successful testing of unspecified underwater missile which increased its range
- 28 Jan 86 7th Plenary Session of CCP Central Discipline Inspection Commission in Beijing

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**February 1986**

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 Feb 86 China Daily praises 1986 as International Year of Peace
- 1 Feb 86 New laws go into effect facilitating entry and exit for foreigners and Chinese
- 1 Feb 86 Yugoslav First Federal Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Loncar visits China
- 1 Feb 86 Hong Kong newspaper reports that although China denies banning the import of Japanese consumer goods, many Japanese goods are being prevented from entering China and must be sold at reduced prices in Hong Kong
- 4 Feb 86 Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Shinichi visits China for sixth round of regular foreign affairs consultations
- 4 Feb 86 China announces it will not increase total oil exports in 1986, in order to help stabilize world oil prices
- 5 Feb 86 Shipment of radioactive monazite ore from India to China reportedly held up in Hong Kong due to lack of proper labelling
- 5 Feb 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman affirms Chinese readiness to punish any Vietnamese invaders and calls Hanoi's Spring Festival cease fire proposal "void of any practical significance"
- 5 Feb 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman calls Israeli interception of Libyan plane a "terrorist act"
- 6 Feb 86 China and Sweden reach agreement of intent on Chinese launching of Swedish post and telecommunications satellite
- 7 Feb 86 US Special Advisor to the President and State Department on Arms Control Matters Edward Rowny visits China
- 8 Feb 86 US Under Secretary of State William Schneider pays private visit to China
- 8-24 Feb 86 Xinhua, Renmin Ribao, and Beijing Review condemn US-ROK "Team Spirit-86" military exercises
- 12 Feb 86 China makes two satellite launch vehicles available on world market as contribution to peaceful international space cooperation
- 12 Feb 86 Vice Premier Wan Li receives award from International Olympic Committee
- 14 Feb 86 State Councillor Gu Mu visits Singapore; oversees signing of agreements on tourism, civil aviation, and exhibitions (China and Singapore lack formal diplomatic relations)
- 14 Feb 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry reiterates support for early end to Iran-Iraq War
- 14-24 Feb 86 Successful meeting of Sino-Pakistani Joint Boundary Inspection Committee; signs notes
- 17 Feb 86 China's admission to Asian Development Bank approved; now undergoing formalities
- 18 Feb 86 China National Offshore Oil Corporation signs oil exploration contract with Amoco; sixth contract signed in second round of bidding begun in November 1985
- 18 Feb 86 Advisor to Chinese Foreign Ministry Gong Dafei visits Iran
- 21 Feb 86 Head of State of Mauritania Col. Taya visits China
- 21 Feb 86 PLA MiG-19 fighter pilot lands in ROK in bid to defect to Taiwan
- 22 Feb 86 Norwegian Foreign Minister Svenn Stray visits China; agreement on prevention of double taxation and fiscal evasion signed

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 24 Feb 86 President of Sierra Leone Joseph Monah visits China
- 24 Feb 86 Director General of Italian Foreign Ministry Renato Ruggiero visits China; cultural exchange program signed
- 25 Feb 86 Chinese Nuclear Society and Nuclear Society of Federal Republic of Germany sign agreement on nuclear energy cooperation
- 26 Feb 86 Chinese Government welcomes new Philippine Government of Corazon Aquino

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DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 1 Feb 86 Successful launch of telecommunications and broadcasting satellite
- 1 Feb 86 Announcement of 28 January circular from CCP Central Committee on selecting and using cadres in accordance with party principles
- 1 Feb 86 Communique issued by Seventh Plenary Session of Discipline Inspection Commission of CCP Central Committee
- 1 Feb 86 New laws go into effect facilitating entry and exit for foreigners and Chinese
- 1 Feb 86 Joint circular issued by CCP Central Committee General Office and General Office of State Council prohibiting use of public funds for pleasure travel
- 2 Feb 86 Report that PLA Air Force CCP Committee has launched drive to correct malpractices in party work style
- 4 Feb 86 Academic conference on population held in Kunming concludes that China's urban population will proportionally double by the end of the century
- 4 Feb 86 Provisional regulations issued by State Council on funding of scientific and technological research
- 4 Feb 86 CCP Central Committee and State Council issues regulations further prohibiting party and government organs and cadres from engaging in business
- 5-14 Feb 86 Zhao Ziyang, Hu Qili, and Tian Jiyun inspect Hainan
- 6 Feb 86 Television smuggling case implicates high-level cadres under the Ministry of Astronautics, Ministry of Electronics Industry, Shijiazhuang branch of Bank of China, and Hainan economic organizations
- 7 Feb 86 Report that two senior government officials punished for misconduct; Vice Chairman of the Committee for Cultural Exchange with Foreign Countries Zhou Erfu is dismissed from office and former Minister of Astronautics Zhang Ju is given a serious warning
- 9 Feb 86 Report that more than 1 million veteran officials have retired since 1982 to make way for younger ones
- 14 Feb 86 Drive to punish crimes and corruption among party officials leads to death sentence for two sons of high-ranking Shanghai officials
- 14 Feb 86 Report that authorities demand general inspection of Chinese Navy because of numerous accidents in 1985
- 15 Feb 86 Automobile smuggling case involving Chinese Academy of Sciences exposed
- 19 Feb 86 Tibetan Buddhist prayer ceremony performed in Lhasa for the first time since 1966
- 22 Feb 86 CCP Central Committee and State Council Plan for 1986 Rural Work issued

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**March 1986**

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 6 Mar 86 World Bank and International Development Association give China Investment Bank \$100 million in financial aid
- 7 Mar 86 China and the Philippines sign 2-year cultural agreement; Minister of Culture Zhu Muzhi leads first foreign delegation to Philippines since new Aquino government in power
- 8 Mar 86 President Li Xiannian visits Bangladesh; first leg of 3-week five-nation tour
- 9 Mar 86 Minister of Public Health Cui Yueli attends inaugural ceremony for Portuguese President Mario Soares
- 10 Mar 86 Asian Development Bank announces China's admission as 47th member; Taiwan to remain as Taipei-China
- 11 Mar 86 President Li Xiannian arrives in Sri Lanka for first visit by Chinese head of state
- 12 Mar 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman condemns recent Vietnamese memorandum for distorting truth to hide Hanoi's own aggression
- 12 Mar 86 Five Royal Netherlands Navy ships arrive in Shanghai for unofficial visit
- 14 Mar 86 President Li Xiannian arrives in Egypt for private visit followed by 5-day state visit
- 14 Mar 86 Premier Zhao Ziyang tells US Secretary of Energy John Herrington that China's plan to develop nuclear energy this century will remain unchanged
- 14 Mar 86 First Sino-foreign railway joint venture inaugurated, a US-China venture called Casco Signal Company, Ltd. in Shanghai
- 15 Mar 86 Democratic Kampuchean leaders Son Sann and Khieu Samphan visit China; China expresses support for Democratic Kampuchean Coalition's new proposal for a political solution to Cambodian problem
- 15 Mar 86 First Vice Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Ivan Arkhipov visits China to attend the first session of the Sino-Soviet Committee on Economic, Trade, and Scientific and Technical Cooperation; signs agreements on economic cooperation and exchange of technicians
- 17 Mar 86 Chen Muhua, State Councillor and Governor, People's Bank of China, named Chinese Governor to the Asian Development Bank
- 18 Mar 86 Chinese Communist Party and Syrian Arab Ba'th Socialist Party establish ties
- 21 Mar 86 For the first time, China announces it will not conduct nuclear tests in the atmosphere
- 21 Mar 86 President Li Xiannian visits Somalia
- 21 Mar 86 Uruguay reportedly is working to develop relations with the PRC
- 22 Mar 86 New Zealand's Prime Minister David Lange visits China
- 22 Mar 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman denies reports that US and China will cooperate to monitor Soviet nuclear tests
- 24 Mar 86 President Li Xiannian visits Madagascar, last leg of Asian-African tour

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 25 Mar 86 Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter visits China
- 26 Mar 86 China confirms that it plans to send a delegation to the Soviet Union to study possible civilian nuclear power cooperation "soon"
- 28 Mar 86 Chinese Ministry of Astronautics announces the first Chinese satellite launch for a foreign customer will be for the Swedish Space Company

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 2 Mar 86 PLA launches campaign to learn from Lei Feng between early March and May
- 5 Mar 86 100th anniversary commemoration meeting for Chinese revolutionaries Dong Biwu and Lin Boqu
- 10 Mar 86 Chinese Government plans to commemorate 10th anniversary of 5 April 1976 Tian'anmen demonstration marking the return to power of Deng Xiaoping; first time China has celebrated this event
- 11 Mar 86 Deng Xiaoping's oldest son Deng Pufang denies rumors that his father is in poor health
- 11 Mar 86 Sixth National People's Congress Standing Committee convenes 15th session to discuss draft legislation on mineral resources, civil code, compulsory education, and foreign-financed enterprises
- 12 Mar 86 Entrance exams for middle school to be abolished in some areas
- 13 Mar 86 International textile industry exhibition, largest ever in China, opens in Beijing
- 17 Mar 86 Starting 1 April 1986, control line separating Shenzhen Special Economic Zone from rest of Guangdong Province will be in effect; there will be simplified procedures for foreigners and visitors from Hong Kong and Macao travelling to Shenzhen
- 20 Mar 86 Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade statistics show China's exports increased by 17.1 percent and imports decreased by 1.4 percent compared with first 2 months of 1985
- 23 Mar 86 Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference begins 4th session
- 24 Mar 86 Outspoken Wang Meng reportedly appointed as Minister of Culture; Tan Wenrui promoted from Deputy Editor-in-Chief to Editor-in-Chief of Renmin Ribao
- 25 Mar 86 Premier Zhao Ziyang delivers report on 7th 5-Year Plan to 4th Session of 6th National People's Congress; Three major tasks for the next 5 years are: further reform of economic structure; stable economic growth; and improvement of living standards
- 25 Mar 86 Deng Xiaoping reemerges after 3 and 1/2-month absence looking fit; Deng says he retreated to give his subordinates more responsibility
- 26 Mar 86 PLA Chief of General Staff Yang Dezhi says first phase of streamlining and reorganizing the PLA is complete

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**April 1986**

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 Apr 86 Italian Navy escort vessels pay 8-day visit to China  
2 Apr 86 Yugoslavian President Radovan Vlajkovic visits China  
2 Apr 86 British Defense Minister Lamont visits China  
2 Apr 86 Italian Minister of Labor Gianni De Michelis visits China; signs training accord  
2 Apr 86 China and Singapore sign agreement on avoidance of double taxation  
2 Apr 86 China continues to deny it is cooperating with the US to monitor Soviet underground nuclear tests; claims seismology station is strictly for scientific research purposes  
5 Apr 86 Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou visits China for the first time  
6 Apr 86 Special Envoy and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Qian Qichen attends 8th round of Sino-Soviet consultations in Moscow  
7 Apr 86 Hong Kong paper announces China will participate in 10th Asian Games in Seoul in fall 1986; China later denies decision has already been made  
7 Apr 86 China and Mongolia sign first long-term trade agreement in many years  
7 Apr 86 US Secretary of Labor William E. Brock visits China  
8 Apr 86 China welcomes recent "Guatemala Statement" denouncing superpower interference in Latin America  
11 Apr 86 US Chief of Naval Operations Admiral James Watkins visits China  
11 Apr 86 Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian visits Japan  
11 Apr 86 CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang meets with Secretary General of the African National Congress Alfred Nzo in Beijing  
12 Apr 86 New law on wholly-owned foreign enterprises guarantees that state will not nationalize or expropriate them except in special circumstances and then with legal procedures and reasonable compensation  
13 Apr 86 Burmese Prime Minister U Maung Maung Kha visits China  
15 Apr 86 China expresses deep concern over US attack on Libyan territory as violation of international law  
16 Apr 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman calls high-level meeting between Chinese and Soviet leaders "unrealistic" since obstacles to normalization still remain  
16 Apr 86 Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada visits China with Canadian businessmen  
23 Apr 86 Former Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda visits China  
23 Apr 86 Foreign Minister of Suriname Henk Herrenberg visits China; signs economic agreement  
23 Apr 86 China criticizes Japanese court's decision to turn over ownership of Kuanghua Hostel to Taiwan authorities

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 24 Apr 86 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) is notified that Hong Kong has become a contracting party to GATT
- 24 Apr 86 China and Britain exchange memoranda on Hong Kong's residents' travel documents
- 28 Apr 86 Vice Premier Wan Li awarded Olympic Order medal by International Olympic Committee for promoting Olympics in China
- 28 Apr 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry announces establishment of separate office of Taiwan Affairs to handle international problems related to Taiwan
- 29 Apr 86 Chief of the People's Liberation Army General Staff Yang Dezhi leaves for official visit to the United States

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 1 Apr 86 PLA Deputy Chief of General Staff Han Huaizhi announces that demobilization of 1 million military personnel is expected to be completed on schedule by the end of 1986
- 2 Apr 86 State Council and CCP Central Committee circular issued on improving land management and prohibiting unauthorized occupation of farmland
- 3 Apr 86 China will abolish foreign exchange certificates but it will require extensive preparation
- 4 Apr 86 Commemoration of 10th anniversary of Tiananmen Incident held at Great Hall of the People
- 7 Apr 86 China will double investment in mineral industry by 1990
- 8 Apr 86 Chinese Nuclear Industry Minister Jiang Xinxiang announced China will not import entire nuclear plants, but will introduce foreign nuclear technology and facilities
- 9 Apr 86 Chinese space technology expert says China is likely to launch a space shuttle in the year 2000
- 11 Apr 86 4th Session of 6th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee closes in Beijing
- 12 Apr 86 4th Session of 6th National People's Conference ends; ratifies 1986-1990 7th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development; first time the Five-Year Plan was discussed by the NPC before it was promulgated and implemented; Qiao Shi appointed Vice Premier; Song Jian appointed State Councillor
- 13 Apr 86 China announces exports for the first 3 months of 1986 increased 13.9 percent over same period in 1985
- 14 Apr 86 A Chinese employee is sentenced to death and a government official to 17 years' imprisonment for leaking important state secrets to foreign and Hong Kong businessmen and for taking bribes
- 17 Apr 86 China announces coordinated economic growth in the first quarter of 1986
- 19 Apr 86 China will begin daylight savings time for the first time in May
- 22 Apr 86 Joint tactical training center to improve battle coordination between different services opens at unspecified location in the Nanjing Military Area Command
- 22 Apr 86 China will reportedly adopt Western-style military uniforms in 1987
- 25 Apr 86 State Councillor and Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office Ji Pengfei stresses that under the "one country, two systems" policy, Hong Kong will not practice socialism
- 29 Apr 86 Chinese experts debate feasibility of adding two 600-megawatt nuclear reactors to Qinshan power plant over the next 5 years
- 30 Apr 86 Chinese Minister of Nuclear Industry is "studying carefully" the Soviet nuclear power plant accident

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**May 1986**

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 May 86 Khunjerab Pass on Sino-Pakistani border opened to third countries; China calls India's protests about it unreasonable
- 1 May 86 United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee approves sale of aircraft avionics to China to upgrade 50 Chinese F-9 interceptor planes
- 2 May 86 Bolivian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship Guillermo Bedregal Gutierrez visits China; signs cultural and economic cooperation accords
- 3 May 86 Taiwan's China Airlines pilot Wang Xijue flies cargo jet to Guangzhou in order to be reunited with his father and brothers on the mainland; problem of returning plane and two other crew members leads to first direct talks between China and Taiwan since 1949
- 3 May 86 State Councillor Zhang Jingfu visits Kuwait for investment symposium
- 5 May 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says China still plans to send a study team to the Soviet Union to explore possible nuclear energy cooperation, despite the recent accident at Chernobyl
- 6 May 86 Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin visits Ireland, France, and Britain
- 7 May 86 US Treasury Secretary James Baker heads US delegation to sixth meeting of Sino-US Joint Economic Committee in Beijing
- 8 May 86 Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney visits China; signs taxation agreement
- 10 May 86 First round of Sino-British talks on properties including Huguang Railway Bonds held in Beijing
- 11 May 86 Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian begins nine-nation European tour of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, German Democratic Republic, and Hungary with brief stopovers in Yugoslavia and Romania en route home
- 12 May 86 China's Great Wall Industry Corporation under the Ministry of Astronautics signs agreement with US-based Teresat to launch two US communications satellites
- 14 May 86 Vice Premier Yao Yilin arrives in Washington for 10-day official visit to the United States; attends fourth session of Sino-US Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade
- 16 May 86 Premier Zhao Ziyang tells visiting Libyan envoy that China opposes all forms of terrorism and also supports the Libyan people's struggle to safeguard their national sovereignty
- 18 May 86 Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke visits China
- 20 May 86 Announcement that talks between China and Portugal on future of Macao will begin in Beijing the last week of June 1986
- 21 May 86 Foreign Ministry spokesman states that China's policy of no contacts with Israel has not changed, despite the establishment of international telecommunications links through Israel for business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 23 May 86 China Airlines Boeing 747 cargo jet and two crew members turned over to Taiwan representatives at Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong
- 23 May 86 American Motors Corporation and China reach agreement on continuing production of Cherokee jeeps in joint venture
- 23 May 86 State Councillor and Minister-in-Charge of the State Science and Technology Commission Song Jian visits the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia
- 24 May 86 British Communist Party delegation led by General Secretary McLennan visits China and meets with CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang: first contact between two parties in 2 decades
- 25 May 86 Liaowang (Beijing) says that "one country, two systems" policy applies to Macao as well as Hong Kong and Taiwan
- 27 May 86 163-member Japanese trade delegation, largest such delegation to date, arrives in Beijing for meetings with Chinese officials on China's trade deficit with Japan
- 27 May 86 Prime Minister Pires of Cape Verde visits China
- 28 May 86 Chinese UN Delegate He Kang proposes 4-point plan for economic development of Africa at special session of United Nations General Assembly
- 28 May 86 Singapore 2nd Deputy Prime Minister Ong Teng Cheong visits China; opens commercial office in Singapore

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 1 May 86 CCP Secretariat and Politburo Member Hu Qili says Marxism has never been rigid dogma in May Day speech
- 12 May 86 Beijing Public Security Bureau issues identity cards to residents in pilot project
- 13 May 86 Science and Technology Exhibition in Beijing displays achievements made during Sixth 5-Year Plan period
- 14 May 86 Civil Aviation Administration of China announces it has ordered ten jumbo jets: four Boeing 747s, four Boeing 767s, and two Airbus A310s
- 14 May 86 Tianjin University students announce they have developed the world's most advanced laser for the study of microscopic electronic, chemical, and biological processes
- 15 May 86 More than 1,700 Chinese scientists are awarded prizes at ceremony in Beijing for contributions to national economy and defense; technological breakthroughs in underwater submarine launching of a surface missile and development of surface-to-surface long-range missiles and carrier rockets win highest national award; first time a weapons-related award has been disclosed
- 19 May 86 Chinese Government decides to halt work on 106 unauthorized construction projects across the country to rein in capital construction
- 19 May 86 Group of residents from Xinjiang called "Committee of Uygurs for Nuclear-Free Zone Movement" urges end to nuclear tests in Xinjiang and removal of nuclear weapons and ban on storage of nuclear material in their province
- 29 May 86 30th anniversary of policy of "letting a hundred flowers blossom and letting a hundred schools of thought contend" marked in Beijing; Renmin Ribao (Beijing) urges revival of this policy to develop science and culture

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**June 1986**

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 2 Jun 86 Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang reaffirms China's support for the South-west African People's Organization (SWAPO)
- 2 Jun 86 Singapore opens commercial representative office in Shanghai
- 3 Jun 86 Chinese National People's Congress delegation led by Chairman Rong Yiren visits Denmark, Norway
- 4 Jun 86 China expresses concern to Argentina over sinking of a Taiwan fishing boat by Argentinian patrol boat
- 4 Jun 86 Japan provides China with loan of \$472 million for seven key projects in harbor and railway construction
- 4 Jun 86 Rwandan party delegation visits China
- 5 Jun 86 Polish parliamentary delegation visits China at invitation of China's National People's Congress Standing Committee
- 6 Jun 86 Direct air service restored between Beijing and Ulaanbaatar after 19-year suspension
- 6 Jun 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry condemns South African raid on Angolan port of Namibia
- 6 Jun 86 China and the Soviet Union agree to open consulates in Shanghai and Leningrad
- 6 Jun 86 China announces that Chinese astronaut will participate in future US space shuttle mission despite recent program setbacks
- 7 Jun 86 International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) Executive Committee adopts resolution reaffirming official membership of PRC
- 7 Jun 86 Zairian First State Commissioner Kengo wa Dondo visits China
- 7 Jun 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry demands that Japan correct proposed high school textbook that "grossly distorts" the history of the Sino-Japanese War
- 8 Jun 86 Deputy Chief of PLA General Staff Xu Xin visits Japan
- 8 Jun 86 CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang begins official tour of Great Britain, West Germany, France, and Italy
- 11 Jun 86 China will send 550-member athletic delegation to Asian Games in Seoul in September 1986
- 11 Jun 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman denies Vietnamese allegations that China shelled a Vietnamese summer camp on 1 June 1986
- 11 Jun 86 China and Bhutan hold third round of bilateral boundary talks; both sides express satisfaction
- 12 Jun 86 Peruvian Prime Minister Luis Alva Castro visits China
- 15 Jun 86 Philippine Vice President Salvador Laurel visits China
- 16 Jun 86 Iraqi Arab Ba'th Socialist Party delegation visits China

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 16 Jun 86 Bangladesh Interservice Intelligence Chief M. Abdul Latif visits China
- 16 Jun 86 State Economic Committee sets up foreign cooperation coordination center to help solve Sino-foreign joint venture problems
- 16 Jun 86 China and US studying possible launching of US satellites aboard Chinese carrier rockets from new commercial space center in Hawaii
- 16 Jun 86 CCP sends observer delegation to attend 17th Socialist International Congress in Peru for the first time
- 19 Jun 86 President of Mali Moussa Traore visits China
- 21 Jun 86 Vice Foreign Minister Zhu Qizhen leaves to visit Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, Mexico, the United States, and Brazil
- 23 Jun 86 CCP delegation attends Yugoslavian party congress
- 23 Jun 86 Indian Communist Party (Marxist) delegation visits China
- 25 Jun 86 World Conference on Religion and Peace held in Beijing; first time held in a communist country
- 25 Jun 86 China-Burma Joint Boundary Inspection Committee signs draft protocol
- 25 Jun 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry supports DPRK proposal for nuclear-free zone on Korean Peninsula
- 26 Jun 86 Beninese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Frederic Assogba Affo visits China
- 27 Jun 86 Zambian United National Independence Party delegation visits China
- 30 Jun 86 First round of talks between China and Portugal on future of Macao held in Beijing

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 3 Jun 86 Report that Chinese Navy completed one of its most extensive exercises to date in Western Pacific and East China Sea
- 3 Jun 86 Hong Kong newspaper reports PLA Navy shipyard in Wuhan is beginning to build a new type of warship with advanced propulsion systems from General Electric and equipped with surface-to-surface missiles
- 4 Jun 86 Chinese President Li Xiannian described as still resting after recovering from a cold or flu that hospitalized him in mid-May
- 4 Jun 86 State Council issues circular banning "tied sales," or forcing customers to buy inferior products along with the quality merchandise they want to purchase
- 5 Jun 86 China's first national corporation to organize Chinese labor service abroad set up in Beijing
- 6 Jun 86 Announcement that China plans to launch ten satellites in next 5 years for use in communications, meteorology, and surveying of land resources
- 6 Jun 86 Comprehensive plan to improve environmental protection announced at 14th International Environmental Day in Beijing
- 10 Jun 86 Report that PLA will adopt three-level training program for command officers
- 13 Jun 86 Wen Jiabao replaces Wang Zhaoguo as Director of CCP Central Committee General Office
- 13 Jun 86 Auditors throughout China uncover violations of state financial regulations worth more than \$211 million in first quarter of 1986; less than same period in 1985
- 13 Jun 86 State Council regulations will go into effect 1 July penalizing producers of substandard or fake merchandise
- 14 Jun 86 Third volume of Selected Works of Chen Yun published in Beijing
- 14 Jun 86 China Literature Foundation founded in Beijing under sponsorship of Chinese Writers' Association
- 16 Jun 86 National People's Congress opens 16th meeting to examine laws and regulations on enterprise bankruptcy, diplomatic privilege, and offenses against public order
- 17 Jun 86 Hong Kong magazine reports Deng Xiaoping is seriously considering retirement
- 17 Jun 86 Report that State Council has set up new office to study problems related to the Three Gorges area, after disbanding the group which was studying a possible Three Gorges Province
- 25 Jun 86 31 criminals executed in Beijing in China's largest mass execution since anti-crime drive began in 1983
- 25 Jun 86 Land Management Law promulgated
- 26 Jun 86 President of Chinese Nuclear Society Jiang Shengjie says China's more than ten nuclear reactors are all working well

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS (continued)

- 27 Jun 86 Chinese Association for Science and Technology holds third national meeting in Beijing
- 27 Jun 86 China forms committee of nuclear power safety experts to consult with government

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**July 1986**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JULY 1986

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1 Jul 86 Premier Zhao Ziyang leaves for visit to Romania, Yugoslavia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, and Tunisia
- 1 Jul 86 President of Commission of European Communities Jacques Delors visits China
- 1 Jul 86 China and Portugal issue joint communique after first round of talks on Macao; two sides reached agreement on agenda and decided to hold second round in September 1986; Portugal reportedly seeks to delay Macao's return to Chinese administration
- 1 Jul 86 CCP delegation visits Algeria
- 1 Jul 86 Beijing-Rome air route successfully opened
- 1 Jul 86 Vice Foreign Minister Zhu Qizhen arrives in Brazil; will also visit Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, Mexico, and the United States
- 2 Jul 86 Pakistani Air Chief Marshal Jamal Ahmad Khan visits China
- 3 Jul 86 Three-person Soviet friendship delegation visits China
- 7 Jul 86 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) strongly condemns distortions of Sino-Japanese War in Japanese textbooks
- 9 Jul 86 China calls 19 persons who recently defected to Taiwan via South Korea "criminals and harmful elements"; China regrets South Korea's decision to allow them to proceed to Taiwan
- 9 Jul 86 Inspector-General of Austrian Federal Army Othmar Tauschitz visits China
- 10 Jul 86 25th anniversary of signing of Sino-Korean Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance celebrated in Beijing and Pyongyang; China and DPRK exchange delegations
- 11 Jul 86 China officially applies to resume status in General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- 11 Jul 86 Two British Navy vessels, a missile destroyer and a missile corvette, visit Shanghai
- 12 Jul 86 NPC Standing Committee extends condolences to State Council of Vietnam on death of Communist Party chief Le Duan
- 13 Jul 86 Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf bin 'Alawi bin 'Abdallah visits China
- 13 Jul 86 Former Assistant to US President Carter for National Security Affairs Z. Brzezinski visits China
- 13 Jul 86 French Air Force delegation visits China
- 14 Jul 86 Austrian Minister for the Interior Karl Blecha visits China and meets with Chinese Minister of Public Security Ruan Chongwu
- 16 Jul 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman calls Japanese textbook revisions "hardly satisfactory"
- 16 Jul 86 China rejects Indian protests that Chinese personnel intruded into Indian territory on the eastern sector of the Sino-Indian border

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (continued)

- 16 Jul 86 Iranian economic delegation visits China for second session of Sino-Iranian Joint Economic Committee
- 17 Jul 86 Canada allocates \$8.74 million for feasibility study of proposed Three Gorges hydroelectric project
- 18 Jul 86 New York Times Beijing correspondent John Burns is detained, investigated, and later expelled from China for entering an area forbidden to foreigners and for supposedly carrying out intelligence activities
- 19 Jul 86 China congratulates Nicaragua on the seventh anniversary of the Nicaraguan revolution
- 19 Jul 86 China and France will cooperate on safety appraisal of Daya Bay nuclear plant
- 19 Jul 86 China and India hold seventh round of border talks without substantial progress
- 21 Jul 86 Secretary General of the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fu'ad Al-Turk visits China
- 22 Jul 86 Argentine military delegation visits China
- 22 Jul 86 Director of Bureau of Arms Limitation and Disarmament of Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs V.P. Karpov visits China and exchanges views on disarmament with Chinese officials
- 25 Jul 86 First exclusively Chinese economic and trade exhibition in Moscow in more than 30 years draws large crowds
- 29 Jul 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says China is "studying the speech made by Mr. Gorbachev," referring to the Soviet leader's Vladivostok statement which included proposals for improving Soviet relations with Asian-Pacific nations

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

- 1 Jul 86 CCP marks 65th anniversary of its founding by publishing a speech by General Secretary Hu Yaobang on handling contradictions within the party
- 1 Jul 86 First International Fair of technology and products for civilian use held by China's Ordnance Ministry from 1-10 July in Beijing
- 1 Jul 86 Announcement that former son-in-law of Marshal Ye Jianying, Liu Shikun, is jailed in Beijing for drug trafficking and gold smuggling
- 4 Jul 86 According to PLA General Staff, China is introducing noncommissioned officers for the first time
- 5 Jul 86 China announces devaluation of renminbi by a record 15.8 percent against major foreign currencies with the aim of boosting exports
- 7 Jul 86 Construction begins on memorial hall on the outskirts of Beijing to mark 49th anniversary of outbreak of War of Resistance Against Japan
- 7 Jul 86 National Lawyers' Association set up in Beijing to promote legal research and support lawyers' work
- 7 Jul 86 China's National Nuclear Safety Administration issues regulations on nuclear power plant safety
- 8 Jul 86 China's satellite communication network goes into operation; provides telephone, telegram, television, radio, and facsimile services across the country
- 9 Jul 86 State Council issues "Circular on Promoting the Rational Transfer of Scientific and Technological Personnel"
- 10 Jul 86 Hong Kong and Japanese news agencies report that the plenary session of the CCP Central Committee will be held in October 1986; one purpose is to set the agenda for the 13th Party Congress in 1987
- 10 Jul 86 Academic seminar on theories of political structural reform held in Beijing
- 12 Jul 86 China launches first domestically-built naval training vessel, the V-856, for training missions on high seas
- 14 Jul 86 Hong Kong press reports that behind the scenes, there are serious differences among the Chinese leadership over the Daya Bay nuclear power plant issue; Vice Premier Tian Jiyun is reportedly opposed to it while Vice Premier Li Peng is in favor of it
- 15 Jul 86 Typhoon "Peggy" leaves 172 people dead and 1,250 injured in Guangdong Province
- 20 Jul 86 Report on recent "Seminar on National Defense Strategy for the Year 2000 and Systems Engineering" attended by over 100 persons from military and academic establishments in Beijing
- 23 Jul 86 Report from Hong Kong that the PLA has successfully used the first set of vehicles for testing ultrasonic fighter aircraft

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS (continued)

- 24 Jul 86 Hong Kong press reports that Hu Yaobang's son Hu Deping has been appointed Secretary General of the United Front Work Department of the CCP Central Committee
- 28 Jul 86 Ceremonies held in Tangshan to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the devastating earthquake which claimed the lives of 242,000 people; Vice Premier Wan Li unveils monument
- 31 Jul 86 Chinese Defense Ministry marks 59th anniversary of founding of PLA at Great Hall of the People

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**October 1986**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 1986

Foreign Affairs

- 1 Oct 86 Vice Premier Li Peng continues African tour of Ivory Coast, Ghana, and Egypt, with stopover in Nigeria
- 3 Oct 86 President Li Xiannian makes 4-day official goodwill visit to DPRK  
Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says Soviet Union has not yet responded to Deng Xiaoping's offer to hold summit talks with Gorbachev if Moscow urges Vietnam to withdraw from Cambodia
- Yugoslav People's Army delegation visits China
- Uruguay reportedly willing to improve ties with China and eventually establish diplomatic relations
- 5 Oct 86 Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister E.A. Rogachev arrives for ninth round of Sino-Soviet normalization consultations; talks end without agreement but include substantive matters
- 7 Oct 86 US Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger visits China  
Politburo member Hu Qili denies speculation Beijing is moving toward establishing diplomatic relations with Seoul
- 8 Oct 86 Dutch Government reportedly close to arranging controversial delivery of two submarines to Taiwan in 1987 without offending Beijing  
Chinese-American scientist and entrepreneur An Wang, President of Wang Laboratories, visits China and is received by Deng Xiaoping
- First Sino-Japanese Economic Cooperation Conference held in Tokyo; 40 tentative joint venture agreements signed
- 9 Oct 86 China admitted to UN Scientific Committee on Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) as 21st member  
China announces three US naval vessels will visit Qingdao from 5-11 November; will be first US port call to China since 1949
- 11 Oct 86 State Council announces new provisions to improve foreign investment environment  
Chinese Foreign Ministry expresses hope to restore friendly relations with Laos  
Vice Premier Tian Jiyun visits Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand

- Director of PLA General Logistics Department Hong Xuezhi visits the United States and Japan
- 12 Oct 86 First Session of the Sino-Soviet Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation meets in Moscow and agrees on cooperation in agriculture, railways, and fisheries
- Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first UK monarch to visit China
- 13 Oct 86 Sierra Leonean delegation led by Abu Bakar Kamara, 2nd Vice President and Vice Chairman of the All-People's Congress, visits China
- 15 Oct 86 60th session of Guangzhou Export Commodities Fair opens  
According to unconfirmed Japanese report, China has decided to exclude Pol Pot faction from peace talks on Cambodia  
China and the Soviet Union agree to resume border negotiations at the vice foreign ministerial level in February 1987
- 16 Oct 86 First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bulgaria Andrey Karlov Lukyanov visits China
- 17 Oct 86 US Arms Control Advisor to President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz Edward Rowley visits China to brief Chinese leaders on results of US-Soviet summit meeting
- 18 Oct 86 According to China's National Statistics Bureau, China's trade deficit with Japan in the first 9 months of 1986 was \$5.4 billion  
China says it is conducting "purely" defensive counterattacks against Vietnamese provocations along the border
- 20 Oct 86 Finnish Minister of Communications Matti Luttinin visits China  
Leader of the German Democratic Republic Erich Honecker pays 6-day official visit to China; long-term economic, scientific, and technical cooperation agreement signed
- French Army Chief of Staff General Maurice Schmitt visits China
- 21 Oct 86 Third round of Sino-Portuguese talks on Macao held in Beijing; broad agreement reached and working group set up to conduct detailed discussions of draft agreement  
Chinese Foreign Ministry rejects Vietnamese proposal to hold talks at any level, time, or place on normalizing relations for as long as Vietnam refuses to withdraw its troops from Cambodia

- Prime Minister of Iceland Steingrimur Hermannsson visits China
- 22 Oct 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman declines comment on Taiwan's decision to allow formation of new political parties  
China criticizes US Congress for listing Xizang [Tibet] as a separate country in a recent amendment to the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945; United States says mistake due to technical error and reiterates its position that Xizang is part of China  
China denies as "groundless" report that it will export coal to Israel
- 23 Oct 86 CCP and Communist Party of Finland resume relations  
China and the Soviet Union establish committee to oversee matters related to border rivers, including the joint utilization of resources
- 24 Oct 86 MiG-19 fighter pilot Zheng Taizhi is sixth defecting Chinese pilot to land in Republic of Korea since 1982; Taiwan welcomes him if he is "seeking freedom" while China asks for the return of both the pilot and his plane  
According to the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, the number of partly or wholly foreign-owned enterprises in China is now more than 7,000  
Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference delegation led by Vice Chairman Cheng Zihua visits Czechoslovakia
- 25 Oct 86 Thai student reported killed in brawl in Guangzhou  
In meeting with Japan-China Friendship Association officials, Deng Xiaoping says China would welcome a visit by a member of the Japanese imperial family
- 27 Oct 86 Envoy of CCP Central Committee and Chinese Government Song Ping attends funeral of Mozambican President Samora Machel after visit to Zambia
- 28 Oct 86 Korean People's Army delegation led by General Cho San-pok visits China
- 30 Oct 86 Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi visits China

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Domestic Affairs

- 1 Oct 86 According to Cheng Ming (Hong Kong), Deng Xiaoping reportedly indirectly criticized Chen Yun and the Central Discipline Inspection Commission for abuses of power at a Politburo Standing Committee meeting
- 3 Oct 86 Vice Chairman of the NPC Standing Committee Han Xianchu dies
- 6 Oct 86 President of Bank of China Wang Deyan says China probably will not abolish foreign exchange certificates until 1987  
Report that PLA field armies have been turned into group armies
- 7 Oct 86 8th Plenary Session of CCP Central Commission for Discipline Inspection issues communique urges building of socialist spiritual civilization  
Marshal Liu Bocheng dies at age 94
- 8 Oct 86 Beijing Post and Telecommunications Training Center officially opens; modern equipment will be provided by Japan
- 11 Oct 86 Report that land resource survey satellite carrying valuable data has returned to China on schedule
- 15 Oct 86 Chinese-made Zhi-9 helicopter performs at 60th Guangzhou Export Commodities Fair
- 16 Oct 86 Chinese-made Yun-8 Blackhawk helicopter carrier plane (refitted from Yun-8 airplane) now complete; will transport helicopters to border areas
- 17 Oct 86 Chinese Center for Advanced Science and Technology established in Beijing
- 18 Oct 86 Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong) reports Ministry of Machine-Building Industry may merge with Ministry of Ordnance Industry
- 22 Oct 86 Marshal Ye Jianying, a founder of the PLA, dies at age 90; Deng Xiaoping presides over funeral service  
Chinese Air Force reportedly conducts first simulated combat exercise with real soldiers using laser and electronic devices
- 24 Oct 86 Report that PLA ground forces were equipped for first time with Chinese-made Z-5 light and multipurpose unmanned reconnaissance planes
- 28 Oct 86 Report that Hu Deping has become Secretary General of United Front Work Department

29 Oct 86 NPC Standing Committee endorses September CCP resolution on  
socialist society

30 Oct 86 Shanghai's small stock exchange reportedly already fully  
subscribed

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**November 1986**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER 1986

Foreign Affairs

- 31 Oct 86 First Chinese-Canadian joint venture opens in Shanghai
- 2 Nov 86 China accuses Soviet Union of trying to "deceive world opinion" with regard to partial troop withdrawal from Afghanistan  
Protocol on international train services signed by China, USSR, DPRK, and Mongolia
- Belgian Minister of Communications and Foreign Trade Herman de Croo visits China and signs loan agreement
- US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Gaston J. Sigur, Jr. visits China to discuss bilateral relations, including military and strategic relations
- 4 Nov 86 China's first international military equipment exhibition, Asiadex '86, opens in Beijing  
Xizang goodwill delegation visits Nepal; urges Dalai Lama to return home
- 5 Nov 86 Three US warships led by Admiral J.A. Lyons, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, pay courtesy call to Qingdao--first such visit since 1949
- 6 Nov 86 Sao Tome and Principe Minister of Social Affairs Celestino Rocha da Costa visits China
- 7 Nov 86 China and Burma sign protocol on first joint inspection of boundary  
United Nations General Assembly President Chowdhury stresses that Third World countries look up to China to defend their interests in the Security Council  
French Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Andre Ross visits China
- 8 Nov 86 New York Stock Exchange delegation visits China for symposium on monetary markets; signs exchange agreement with People's Bank of China  
Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone pays 2-day visit to China to attend cornerstone-laying ceremony for China-Japan Youth Exchange Center and to meet with Chinese leaders; according to later Kyodo report, CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang rejected a Japanese proposal to hold four-nation talks on the Korean situation and exchange trade offices with South Korea

- 9 Nov 86 Turkish Chief of General Staff General Nacdet Urug visits China
- 10 Nov 86 China Daily (Beijing) reveals that China and Italy have agreed to jointly produce a new generation of attack aircraft, the A5-M
- Romanian First Deputy Prime Minister Ion Dinca visits China
- Czech Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Urban visits China; trade protocol signed
- Ground-breaking ceremony held in Shanghai for advanced flight training center to be run jointly by China and the US McDonnell-Douglas Company
- 11 Nov 86 According to an Israeli journalist, China has numerous semi-official contacts with Israel, including purchases of technology; 25 Chinese officials said to have visited Israeli agricultural exhibition in September 1986
- Algerian Minister of Information Bachir Rouis visits China
- Vice President of Swiss Federal Council and Chief, Department of Foreign Affairs Pierre Aubert visits China; China and Switzerland sign agreements on peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the mutual promotion and protection of investments
- International Monetary Fund approves line of credit worth \$717 million to help China pay for imports
- Tunisian Air Force Chief of Staff Brigadier Ahmed Naaman visits China
- 13 Nov 86 United Nations General Assembly First Committee (which deals with political and security affairs) unanimously adopts China's draft resolutions on disarmament and forwards them to General Assembly plenary session
- Kuwaiti Minister of Finance and Economy Jasim Muhammad al-Khurafi visits China and signs loan and cooperation agreements
- 14 Nov 86 China pledges over \$4.02 million to UN development programs in 1987
- 15 Nov 86 China welcomes Laos' call for improved Sino-Laotian relations
- Mayor of San Francisco visits China and signs 3-year exchange agreement with Mayor of Shanghai
- 16 Nov 86 First group of Saudi Arabian entrepreneurs visits China (Beijing and Riyadh do not have diplomatic relations)

Chief of Staff of US Army General John Wickam, Jr. visits China; reportedly invites Chinese officers for training in the United States

17 Nov 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman denies reports of DPRK President Kim Il-sung's assassination and denounces reports that his killers had fled into China for protection

Vice Foreign Minister Zhou Nan visits Portugal; Macao included in discussions

US Ambassador Edward Rowny, special advisor on arms control, visits China to brief Chinese leaders on US-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva and foreign ministerial talks in Vienna

China sends representatives to Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference for first time; Taiwan also attends

Chinese Minister of Electronics Industry Li Tieying visits Bulgaria

18 Nov 86 Liberian Minister of Foreign Affairs John Bernard Blamo visits China

19 Nov 86 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman rejects Soviet suggestion for a conference on Asian security, saying Moscow should take practical steps and stop deploying weapons to show sincerity

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, commenting on US arms sales to Iran, says China hopes all countries will urge Iran and Iraq to end their war

- US Senate delegation led by Senator Ernest Hollings visits China

20 Nov 86 Delegation from Democratic Front for Liberation of Palestine led by General Secretary Nayif Hawatimah visits China

Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs Sitthi Sawetsila visits China

Polish Vice Chairman of Council of Ministers and Chairman of Planning Commission Manfred Gorywoda visits China; signs cooperation accord for 1986-95

22 Nov 86 - State Councillor Zhang Jingfu leads delegation to Zaire, Cameroon, and the Central African Republic

23 Nov 86 Australian Minister of Employment and Industrial Relations Ralph Willis visits China

25 Nov 86 Commercial First Secretary of Chinese Embassy in Bonn defects to Federal Republic of Germany with his wife

Vice Chairman of US President's Export Council Anna Chennault visits China

26 Nov 86 China announces plans to import Soviet thermopower units

Chinese Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin visits Italy

Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid visits China

27 Nov 86 Chinese Minister in Charge of State Physical Culture and Sports Commission Li Menghua signs sports protocol in Hungary

Soviet Department Director of Arms Limitation and Disarmament Bureau L.A. Masterkov visits China to discuss US-USSR summit meeting in Reykjavik

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Shuqing attends seventh regular Sino-Japanese diplomatic consultations held in Tokyo

28 Nov 86 Editor-in-chief of Izvestiya (Moscow), Ivan D. Laptev, visits China

28 Nov 86 First US-China jointly made MD-82 airplane completed in Shanghai

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Domestic Affairs

- 24 Oct 86 PLA deploys first pilotless reconnaissance plane, "Z-5"
- 1 Nov 86 AFP reports that leading Chinese newspapers carried commentaries explaining that building socialism with Chinese characteristics, rather than communism, is the ideal and that prominent academics need not be Marxists
- 4 Nov 86 According to China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce, 6,276 foreign-funded businesses were registered in China by the end of June 1986
- 6 Nov 86 Vice Premier Li Peng calls for revitalization of iron and steel industries
- First Chinese-language issue of International Defense Review published by China Defense Scientific and Technological Information Center in cooperation with Interavia Publishing Group of Switzerland
- Chinese aviation industry officials say China is interested in exporting fighter aircraft, attack aircraft, pilotless aircraft, trainers, ocean patrol planes, military transporters, missiles, cannon, and bombs
- Article in Renmin Ribao argues that "political democracy is a prerequisite to academic freedom"
- 7 Nov 86 Premier Zhao Ziyang says China will increase arms trade, but "will never get involved in the superpowers' arms race"; also says China plans to keep defense spending constant as portion of national budget and to offset cuts in troops with improved quality of weapons
- 8 Nov 86 Chinese State Statistics Bureau reports a 7.4 percent increase in industrial output value in first 10 months of 1986, compared with same period in 1985
- 9 Nov 86 Chinese Government prison official announces that China has executed or imprisoned 624,000 criminals since anti-crime drive began in 1983; says population of China's "reform-through-labor" camps does not exceed 1 million
- 10 Nov 86 According to State Statistical Bureau, Chinese peasants' income is continuing to rise; it increased 16.9 percent a year between 1979 and 1985
- China announces it will build its first space probe rocket-launching site during the current 5-year plan (1986-90)
- 11 Nov 86 CCP official says China's noncommunist political parties are growing in size and influence

- Agreement signed to introduce Mastercard, Visa, and Federal credit cards through the Bank of China
- 12 Nov 86 Central Military Commission recognizes 11 November 1949 as founding date of Chinese Air Force
- 13 Nov 86 PLA logistics and supply departments reportedly have cut their staff by one-third to improve efficiency
- Vice Governor of People's Bank of China Liu Hongru denies China has set a date to abolish foreign exchange certificates; says not yet possible because no alternative has been developed
- First two Chinese-built civilian Yun-2 aircraft, made for export, completed in Harbin; six will be delivered to unspecified buyers by end of 1986
- 15 Nov 86 18th Session of 6th National People's Congress Standing Committee opens in Beijing; discusses enterprise bankruptcy, customs and quarantine laws, communications, public enterprises, and voter registration
- 20 Nov 86 Chinese press reports that PLA is conducting group army maneuvers at unidentified location
- 22 Nov 86 National Planning Conference for Economic and Social Development in 1987 ends in Beijing; State Councillor and Minister in Charge of the State Planning Commission Song Ping presents report
- 27 Nov 86 Detailed regulations pertaining to China's new national identification card system issued

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**December 1986**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN DECEMBER 1986

Foreign Affairs

- 30 Nov 86 Australian Minister of Trade John Dawkins visits China
- 1 Dec 86 Lao Minister of Foreign Affairs Phoun Sipaseut expresses desire to normalize relations with China and other countries  
China's Minister of Electronics Industry Li Tieying visits the German Democratic Republic after touring Czechoslovakia and Hungary
- 2 Dec 86 NPC Standing Committee ratifies consular treaties with Italy, Mongolia, and the Soviet Union  
Chinese economic delegation led by President of Chinese Association for International Friendly Contacts Wang Shoudao visits the United States and Japan
- 3 Dec 86 Loan agreement signed to finance construction of Pingshuo coal mine, a Sino-US joint venture and China's first large-scale open-cast coal mine; Vice Premier Li Peng and Chairman of Occidental Petroleum Dr. Armand Hammer attend ceremony  
Secretary General of Guinean Ministry for Information and Culture Almamy Diaby visits China
- 4 Dec 86 Deputy Head of CCP International Liaison Department Li Shuzheng leaves for tour of German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary; first official party visit to Czechoslovakia in more than 20 years  
Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado pays state visit to China; China and Mexico sign consular treaty, 5-year trade agreement, and agreements on planning and banking cooperation
- 5 Dec 86 United Nations General Assembly passes two draft resolutions put forward by China on world nuclear and conventional disarmament  
China is elected to the UN Committee for Program and Coordination (which evaluates the feasibility of UN meetings) for the first time  
Hong Kong Governor Sir Edward Youde dies in his sleep in Beijing
- 8 Dec 86 Sino-Portuguese working group to settle Macao issue, announced in October, meets to begin work in Beijing  
General Secretary of Portuguese Communist Party Alvaro Cunhal visits China

- 9 Dec 86 China and United States sign four cultural exchange agreements  
First Chinese trade exhibition held in Nicaragua marks 1-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations
- 10 Dec 86 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman categorically denies reports that China bought \$3 billion in arms from Israel  
First Soviet industry and commerce exhibition since 1954 is held in Beijing and has over 90,000 visitors; Soviet Minister of Ferrous Metallurgy S.B. Kolpakov visits China in conjunction with the exhibition  
Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denies Vietnamese reports that China attended recent conference on Indochinese geology in Ho Chi Minh City on 5 December  
Chinese consulate general opens in Leningrad
- 11 Dec 86 Xinhua and Tass sign journalist exchange agreement  
Representatives from both China and Taiwan attend Asian Development Bank meeting in Manila for the first time since China joined the ADB in early 1986  
Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman criticizes India's decision to upgrade a disputed area on the Sino-Indian border, Arunachal Pradesh, to the status of a "state"  
Xu Jiatun, Director of Xinhua in Hong Kong, denies that Britain has to consult with China on the appointment of a new governor for Hong Kong, but says diplomatic channels for discussion do exist.
- 12 Dec 86 Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Bohuslav Chnoupek visits China  
China signs UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment  
President of Benin Mathieu Kerekou visits China  
Former British Prime Minister James Callaghan visits China
- 13 Dec 86 Member of Secretariat of the Italian Communist Party Alfredo Reichlin visits China
- 14 Dec 86 Chinese Minister of Light Industry Yang Bo visits Bulgaria and signs economic accord
- 15 Dec 86 Soviet consulate general reopens at former site in Shanghai

after 20 years

- 16 Dec 86 AIDS Prevention Bureau of the Chinese Ministry of Health requests mandatory AIDS testing for all foreign students in China; later apparently retreats from mandatory program
- 18 Dec 86 Chairman of Communist Party of Sri Lanka Peiter Keuneman visits China and resumes ties with CCP after more than 2 decades
- Chairman of Austrian Communist Party Franz Muhri visits China
- China and Albania sign protocol on increased trade for 1987 in Tirana
- 19 Dec 86 Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses "strong" dissatisfaction" about South Korea's decision to allow Chinese fighter pilot Zheng Caitian who flew to South Korea to defect to "a third country" (Taiwan)
- According to Director of Soviet exhibition in Beijing Valeriy Shapakov, non-military nuclear cooperation between China and the Soviet Union is possible soon
- 20 Dec 86 Ceremony held marking completion of China's first remote-sensing satellite ground station, a Sino-US cooperative project, in Beijing
- Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Shuqing visits Laos to hold talks on improving relations
- French Minister-Delegate to the Ministry of Foreign Trade Michel Noir visits China and signs supplementary financial protocol on construction of Beidagang power plant in southwest China
- 24 Dec 86 Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan visits China
- 25 Dec 86 According to reports in Tokyo, Soviet clandestine radio stations aimed at China, "Ba Yi" and "Red Flag," have gone off the air beginning a month ago
- Chinese press articles on seventh anniversary of Soviet invasion of Afghanistan urge complete Soviet withdrawal "as soon as possible"
- 26 Dec 86 Ministry of State Security announces two South Korean spy cases uncovered in Jilin Province
- 27 Dec 86 First Secretary of French Socialist Party Lionel Jospin visits China
- 31 Dec 86 Announcement by Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian that

Premier Zhao Ziyang will visit five (unnamed) East European countries in 1987

31 Dec 86 Chinese military delegation led by Deputy Chief of the General Staff Xu Huizhi pays goodwill visit to Nigeria and Pakistan

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Domestic Affairs

1 Dec 86 Minister in Charge of State Family Planning Commission Wang Wei says China must continue to limit population growth; on 3 December, Premier Zhao Ziyang says one-child policy will continue

According to Cheng Ming (Hong Kong), CCP factions are in dispute over whether Deng Xiaoping should retire

100th anniversary of the birth of Comrade Zhu De celebrated in Beijing; Hu Yaobang and others speak in his honor

2 Dec 86 NPC Standing Committee adopts trial Bankruptcy Law, Postal Service Law, and Border Quarantine Law; Ministries of Machine-Building Industry and Ordnance Industry combined into one State Machine-Building Industry Commission; new Ministry of Supervision set up

3 Dec 86 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses China's opposition to any move leading toward the independence and self-determination of Taiwan

Communist Youth League of China announces it will hold 12th Congress in December 1987

4 Dec 86 According to People's Bank of China, China's total foreign exchange reserves were \$10.372 billion at end of September 1986

5 Dec 86 Xinhua discusses recent circular issued by CCP Discipline Inspection Commission which warns against falsely accusing reformers

8 Dec 86 Chinese Communications Ministry transfers management of five major seaports (Qingdao, Yantai, Huangpu, Lianyungang, and Nantong) to local authorities in order to increase efficiency

First of four new Catholic churches in Beijing suburbs consecrated

9 Dec 86 Central Military Commission approves making formerly restricted publication Jiefangjun Bao (Beijing) available to public at home and abroad beginning 1 January 1987

Student protests for freedom and democracy in over a dozen cities continue and gain strength during the month of December; local governments issue regulations limiting protests; no students reported arrested although "troublemakers" were

According to State Land Administration Bureau, the area of China's cultivated land has decreased by 7.38 million mu a year during the 6th 5-Year Plan

- 10 Dec 86 According to State Statistical Bureau, a planned 8 percent increase in total industrial output in 1986 will be achieved
- 11 Dec 86 State Council issues provisions on individual income regulation tax to go into effect on 1 January 1987
- Zhenjiang Harbor on lower Changjiang River in Jiangsu Province becomes 36th Chinese port open to the outside world
- Largest meeting of CCP Central Military Commission since 1978 is held in Beijing to discuss "consolidation of army construction under the new situation"; troop reduction of one million will reportedly be completed on schedule
- 14 Dec 86 China's first new missile frigate commissioned in Shanghai
- 25 Dec 86 Xinhua publishes detailed text of Regulations for Enforcing the Law Governing Exit and Entry of Citizens of the PRC; regulations on foreign nationals published 26 December
- 29 Dec 86 Beijing Ribao carries articles criticizing the use of big-character posters as "harmful to socialist modernization"

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**January 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JANUARY 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 1 Jan 87 Chairman of Communist Party of Australia Neil McLean visits China
- 2 Jan 87 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman notes "concern" over proposed increase in Japanese defense budget because "Asian countries have all along been very sensitive to the Japanese Government building up its military strength"
- 4 Jan 87 Deputy Chief of the PLA General Staff Xu Huizi leads military delegation to Nigeria and Pakistan
- 5 Jan 87 CCP delegation led by International Liaison Department head Zhu Liang visits Gabon, Cameroon, Kenya, Egypt, and Syria
- 6 Jan 87 Finnish Communist Party Chairman Arvo Aalto visits China  
Secretary of Ethiopian Workers' Party Central Committee and Politburo Member Fisseha Desta visits China  
US Defense Department notifies Congress of approval to sell China \$62 million worth of radar and radio equipment for locating hostile artillery
- 7 Jan 87 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman says Chinese frontier guards have repulsed recent provocations by Vietnamese troops along the border  
According to Radio Macao, Macao will revert to Chinese administration before the year 2000, but exact date has not yet been selected  
Taiwan spy ring uncovered in Guangdong; seven spies sentenced to prison  
Chief of the PLA General Staff Yang Dezhi leads military delegation to Bangladesh and Thailand; in Bangkok, Yang expresses Chinese support for Thailand against Vietnamese aggression
- 8 Jan 87 Several hundred African students studying in China march to protest a controversial letter circulating in Beijing which expresses anti-African sentiments; letter is called a forgery and condemned by Chinese authorities; African students return to classes on 12 January
- 9 Jan 87 Ugandan Minister of Foreign Affairs Ibrahim Mukibi visits China and signs economic and technical cooperation agreement  
Spokeswoman for the National Democratic Front in the Philippines denies that Filipino Communists receive arms from foreign countries, including China and the Soviet Union

- 11 Jan 87 Secretary General of the Japanese Liberal Democratic Party Noboru Takeshita visits China
- 12 Jan 87 Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam is first high-level Syrian official to visit China since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1956; signs economic, trade, and scientific and technical cooperation protocol
- Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses China's support for the DPRK's recent proposal to hold high-level political and military talks with South Korea
- 13 Jan 87 Minister of Commerce Liu Yi visits Togo, Niger, and Burkina Faso
- 15 Jan 87 Soviet Defense Ministry announces that one full-strength motorized rifle division and several separate units will be withdrawn from Mongolia between April and June 1987; China takes note of the announcement
- 16 Jan 87 Sir David Wilson is appointed Governor of Hong Kong to replace the late Sir Edward Youde; Sunday Standard (Hong Kong) reports that China may have opposed the appointment because of Wilson's support for representative government in Hong Kong
- Politburo Member and Secretary, Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Ferenc Havasi visits China
- 17 Jan 87 Chinese National Olympic Committee supports DPRK's proposal to co-host the 24th Olympic Games with South Korea
- 1987-88 cultural exchange plan signed by China and Czechoslovakia
- 18 Jan 87 Mauritian Minister of Trade and Navigation Beergoonath Ghurburrun visits China
- Vice Premier Tian Jiyun visits Japan
- 19 Jan 87 Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert Mugabe visits China; cooperation agreement signed granting Zimbabwe interest-free loan
- 20 Jan 87 Civil Aviation Administration of China will buy three Boeing 757 passenger planes from the United States in 1987
- 21 Jan 87 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denies that Sino-Pakistani border agreement has anything to do with ownership of Kashmir, contrary to allegations by India
- Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman says China is following the Iran-Iraq War closely and hopes it will come to an end as soon as possible

- 22 Jan 87 United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development will provide China with loan package worth \$12 million
- 23 Jan 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) says US-China relations at low ebb following China's attack on "bourgeois liberalization"
- 26 Jan 87 Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian gives banquet for President of Democratic Kampuchea Samdech Norodom Sihanouk on the occasion of the Spring Festival
- 30 Jan 87 AFP reporter Lawrence MacDonald, a US citizen, is expelled from China for alleged espionage activities which he denies

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JANUARY 1987

### Domestic Affairs

- 31 Dec 87 China's Air Force sets all-time high record in combined tactical training, with 80 percent of combat aviation corps rated outstanding
- 1 Jan 87 Xinhua reports that a PLA Navy nuclear submarine has completed first training voyage and set national records for submerge time, speed, and cruising distance  
Lei Jieqiong (f), Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, says repetition of Cultural Revolution on the mainland is now impossible
- University students in at least 17 cities continue protest demonstrations for freedom and democracy; on 5 January, thousands of students reportedly burn copies of Beijing Ribao and Renmin Ribao; newspapers that gave the protests unfavorable coverage
- 4 Jan 87 CCP Central Committee Organization Department issues "Circular on Several Questions Concerning Readjustment of Incompetent Cadres on Active Duty"
- 5 Jan 87 Kyodo reports that according to wall posters and unconfirmed sources in Beijing, senior CCP leaders Deng Xiaoping, Hu Yaobang, Zhao Ziyang, and Li Peng have not appeared in public recently because they are attending an important secret meeting
- 6 Jan 87 According to Guangming Ribao (Beijing), a new satellite monitoring and control center in Xi'an is near completion
- 7 Jan 87 A memorial service is held in the Great Hall of the People to honor General Huang Kecheng who died 28 December 1986  
According to reports appearing in Hong Kong and Japan, Deng Xiaoping recently ordered the CCP to quell the nationwide student unrest
- 9 Jan 87 Kyodo reports that Vice President of the University of Science and Technology in Hefei Fang Lizhi and writers Wang Ruowang and Liu Binyan will be dismissed from the CCP
- 11 Jan 87 CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang reportedly is not receiving visitors because of poor health due to overwork; his absence fuels suspicion that he is in trouble politically
- 12 Jan 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports that China has 14 metallurgical enterprises each with annual production of over 1 million tons of steel, and 50 with production of over 100,000 tons
- Chairman Peng Zhen presides over the 19th meeting of 5th NPC

- Standing Committee; approves new Customs Law and adopts decision to intensify legal education
- 13 Jan 87 Chinese police spokesman denies Jiang Qing is dying of throat cancer, although she has some "ailments of the elderly"  
Hongqi (Beijing) carries article entitled "Uphold the People's Democratic Dictatorship"
- 14 Jan 87 State Council issues circular asking local governments to tighten control over commodity prices and keep them basically stable  
Xinhua article says no "special party members" should be allowed to advocate bourgeois liberalization  
Kyodo reports Deng Xiaoping urged Hu Yaobang to resign but Hu resisted
- 15 Jan 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports China's 1986 export volume was \$27.03 billion, 4.2 percent more than 1985; deficit was reduced 31.6 percent over 1985
- 16 Jan 87 Hu Yaobang resigns as CCP General Secretary and makes self-criticism of his mistakes violating the principle of collective leadership; Hu retains posts as Member of Political Bureau and Standing Committee; Zhao Ziyang elected Acting General Secretary
- 17 Jan 87 CCP Central Committee reportedly circulates Document No. 2 for 1987 which contains Deng Xiaoping's statements on necessity of opposing bourgeois liberalization for 20 years
- 20 Jan 87 Ministry of Culture calls national meeting to present opinion that tougher opposition to bourgeois liberalization is needed  
China State Shipbuilding Corporation official notes that in 1986, the PLA Navy added a guided missile escort vessel and unspecified "other warships" in order to modernize its fleet  
According to Vice Premier Li Peng, China's major tasks in 1987 are opposing bourgeois liberalization, expanding production and being economical, increasing revenue, and trimming spending
- 21 Jan 87 CCP Central Committee reportedly holds plenary session  
State Council sets up Media and Publication Office to strengthen management of press and publishing industry
- 22 Jan 87 Hong Kong Standard reports Director of Propaganda Department Zhu Houze has been dismissed; AFP reports conservative Wang Renzhi may replace him

- 23 Jan 87 AFP reports that, according to informed sources, leading journalist and writer Liu Binyan has been expelled from the CCP
- 26 Jan 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that Chinese Government officials and cadres have been warned that they may lose their jobs or party membership if their children or relatives are found to have participated in recent demonstrations at Chinese universities
- 27 Jan 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reiterates the importance of upholding the four cardinal principles: adherence to the socialist road, the dictatorship of the proletariat, the leadership of the Communist Party, and Marxist-Leninist-Mao Zedong Thought

**PRC POLICY AND STRATEGY:  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED**

**March-April 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN MARCH AND APRIL 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 25 Feb 87 NPC delegation led by Vice Chairman Rong Yiren visits Greece and the Netherlands
- 26 Feb 87 Chad National Independence and Revolution Union party delegation visits China
- 1 Mar 87 US Secretary of State George Shultz visits China  
CCP and Bulgarian Communist Party hold discussions on party relations in Sofia
- 2 Mar 87 China criticizes Japanese court ruling awarding Taiwan the ownership of the Kokario (Guanghua) dormitory in Kyoto  
Soviet film festival opens in Beijing
- 3 Mar 87 Japanese Democratic Socialist Party delegation visits China
- 4 Mar 87 China and the Philippines sign 1987 trade protocol, first since Aquino Government in power
- 5 Mar 87 Australian Minister for Transport Peter Morris visits China
- 6 Mar 87 Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi visits China  
International military communications and high technology equipment exhibition, Militcom '87 China, opens in Shanghai  
Vice Admiral Hans-Joachim Mann, Inspector of the Navy of the Federal Republic of Germany, visits China
- Chinese trade delegation visits India and signs trade and economic cooperation accord
- 8 Mar 87 Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian visits Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, San Marino, Federal Republic of Germany, and Switzerland
- 9 Mar 87 Director of CCP Liaison Department Zhu Liang visits Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and meets with Kim Il-song  
Mozambique Liberation Front delegation visits China for talks with CCP
- 10 Mar 87 Cypriot Progressive Party of the Working People delegation visits China
- 11 Mar 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman says China welcomes US Supreme Court ruling on Huguang Railway Bonds case  
Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses deep

regret over statement by US Senator Pell advocating "self-determination and independence" for Taiwan

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues strong protest on Japanese court ruling on ownership of dormitory; Chinese Embassy in Japan delivers formal protest note on 27 March

- 12 Mar 87 People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY) Prime Minister Yasin Sa'id Nu'man pays official visit to China; China and PDRY sign six documents on economic, technical, and cultural cooperation  
Kyodo reports that China requested US support in promoting its plan to open up postal, trade, and transportation links with Taiwan; US Secretary of State Shultz reportedly dodged the issue in talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian in Beijing
- 13 Mar 87 Kyodo reports that China and Mongolia have exchanged draft agreements on procedures for peacefully settling possible border disputes; Sino-Mongolian boundary talks held 19-27 March in Beijing  
State Councillor Chen Muhua visits Yugoslavia for talks on trade and economic cooperation
- 14 Mar 87 US Marine Corps Commandant P.X. Kelley visits China
- 16 Mar 87 New Zealand Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer visits China  
Governor General of Canada Jeanne Sauve visits China
- 17 Mar 87 State Councillor and Minister-in-Charge of State Science and Technology Commission Song Jian visits the European Economic Community, Belgium, Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, and France  
Turkish Minister of State Vehbi Dincerler visits China
- 18 Mar 87 Sino-Portuguese talks on future of Macao begin in Beijing; two sides reach agreement and issue joint communique on 23 March stating Macao will return to Chinese administration in 1999  
China is among 23 countries participating in Defense Asia '87, an international defense exhibition in Bangkok
- 19 Mar 87 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman reiterates denial of Chinese weapons sales to Iran, in response to Western reports that Tehran deployed Chinese-made antiship missiles in the Strait of Hormuz
- 22 Mar 87 China hosts United Nations conference on world disarmament

- 23 Mar 87 Liaowang (Beijing) criticizes India's "attempt to legalize its invasion and occupation of Chinese territory"
- 24 Mar 87 America-China Society formed in New York with support of former US Government leaders, including former presidents and secretaries of state
- 25 Mar 87 Cameroonian President Paul Biya visits China
- 27 Mar 87 Chinese Permanent Representative to the United Nations Li Luye meets with Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Abraham Tamir to discuss Middle East issues  
Agence France-Presse reports China rejected South Korean (ROK) offer to improve relations
- 30 Mar 87 State Councillor Zhang Jingfu visits Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany
- 31 Mar 87 Chinese Ministry of Communications spokesman condemns 27 February attack on Chinese vessel in the Persian Gulf  
Willy de Clerq, Member of the Commission of European Communities in Charge of External Relations and Trade Policies, visits China  
Kyodo reports North Korean (DPRK) leader Kim Il-song would like to visit China before the 13th CCP Party Congress in fall 1987
- 1 Apr 87 Minister of Petroleum Industry Wang Tao visits Burma  
Omani Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Mustahil bin Ahmad al-Maashini visits China  
Jordanian Princess Alia Husayn visits China  
Moroccan Princess Lala Myriem visits China
- 2 Apr 87 French company Aerospatiale signs contract to sell the PLA eight antitank Gazelle helicopters
- 3 Apr 87 Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson visits China  
Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education Benon Miskiewicz visits China  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Qian Qichen tells reporters that the Soviet troop withdrawal from Mongolia does not address the obstacle of Soviet troops along the Sino-Soviet border and in Mongolia because the troops returning to the Soviet Union are from northern Mongolia and not from the area bordering China

- 5 Apr 87 Burmese Minister for Trade U Khin Maung Gyi visits China
- 6 Apr 87 Kyodo reports that Chinese Government sources criticized Japan's payment of relief money to families of Taiwanese killed after being pressed into the service of the Japanese Army in World War II; China believes that although the families deserve compensation, the payment through Taiwan's Red Cross is part of Japan's "two China's" trend
- Belize Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel visits China; signs economic and technical cooperation accord
- 7 Apr 87 Cuban parliamentary delegation visits China
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman again denies reports of Chinese arms sales to Iran
- Soviet Ambassador to China Oleg Troyanovskiy expresses his belief that the Soviet and Chinese Communist Parties will restore friendly ties in the future, although they will never return to an alliance as in the 1950s
- 8 Apr 87 Chinese Minister of Chemical Industry Qin Zhongda visits Tunisia and Kuwait to discuss their three-way joint venture to produce chemical fertilizer
- San Marino Communist Party delegation visits China
- 9 Apr 87 Sino-US information bank is being set up in Chicago to make Chinese statistical data available to researchers and investors
- Kyodo reports secret contacts between Japan and DPRK took place through their embassies in Beijing
- Chinese diplomat in Washington writes letter to Washington Post refuting an article in the paper entitled "The Rape of Tibet"
- 10 Apr 87 Gambian President Dawda Kairaba Jawara visits China; cultural and loan agreements signed
- 11 Apr 87 Portuguese Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva visits China; signs Sino-Portuguese Joint Declaration on Question of Macao
- 12 Apr 87 Italian Defense Chief of Staff General Riccardo Bisognero visits China
- 13 Apr 87 Iranian Minister of Health 'Ali Reza Marandi visits China
- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Special Envoy Qian Qichen attends tenth round of Sino-Soviet consultations on normalizing relations in Moscow; 20 April communique states

- discussions were serious and frank; Agence France-Presse sources say serious differences remain between the two sides
- 14 Apr 87 State Councillor Gu Mu visits Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Uganda  
Former President of Tanzania Julius K. Nyerere pays working visit to China in his new capacity as Chairman of the South Commission  
CCP sends greetings to Kim Il-song, General Secretary of the Korean Workers' Party and President DPRK on the occasion of his 75th birthday on 15 April
- 15 Apr 87 Commander of the PLA Air Force Wang Hai visits United States  
According to Ming Pao (Hong Kong), internal CCP document accuses the Voice of America of spreading rumors and inciting student demonstrators in late 1986 and early 1987  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman announces that Vice Premier Yao Yilin, rather than Li Peng, will attend the next session of the Sino-Soviet Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technical Cooperation Commission in Moscow; Li's domestic responsibilities require that he remain in China  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman condemns Vietnam's illegal invasion and occupation of some of the Nansha Islands in the South China Sea which China claims; spokesman also rejects Indian allegations that China has violated Indian territory as "sheer nonsense"
- 16 Apr 87 President of Congo Denis Sassou-Nguesso visits China; loan agreement signed
- 17 Apr 87 State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian visits Thailand  
Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath visits China  
Edward Rowny, Special Advisor on arms control issues to the US President and Secretary of State, briefs Chinese leaders on Secretary of State Shultz's recent trip to Moscow  
Nigerian Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Rural Development Muhammadu Gado Nasko visits China  
Zambian Prime Minister Kebby Musokotwane makes stopover in China
- 20 Apr 87 Deng Xiaoping meets with visiting Indian Communist Party (Marxist) General Secretary E.M.S. Namboodiripad and tells him that the Sino-Indian border issue should be settled reasonably

- CCP and Canadian Communist Party decide to resume relations
- 21 Apr 87 US Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige visits China for meeting of Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade  
Chinese delegate attends Group of 77 Meeting in Havana as special guest (China is not a member)
- 22 Apr 87 Agence France-Presse reports that new Indian Defense Minister Krishna Chandra Pant made unpublicized stopover in Beijing to discuss border issue on 17 April  
United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid 'Abdallah 'Ali al-Nu'aymi visits China
- 24 Apr 87 Czech Premier Lubomir Strougal visits China  
Guyanese Prime Minister Hamilton Green makes stopover in China
- 27 Apr 87 State Councillor and Governor to Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Chen Muhua attends 20th annual ADB session in Osaka, Japan  
Subsecretary of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party and Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra visits China
- 28 Apr 87 Romanian Vice President Manea Manescu visits China
- 29 Apr 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denies Kyodo report of direct talks in Bangkok between China and ROK as "sheer fabrication"

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Domestic Affairs

- 2 Mar 87 State Councillor and Minister in Charge of the State Science and Technology Commission Song Jian says open policy and international scientific cooperation will continue  
Renmin Ribao (Beijing) traces origins of "total Westernization" back to Hu Shi and concludes that "capitalism cannot save China"
- 4 Mar 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) article discusses upholding the principles of democratic centralism by studying Deng Xiaoping's speech at the 1962 Enlarged Central Work Conference
- 5 Mar 87 In a meeting with scientists in Beijing, Premier and Acting CCP General Secretary Zhao Ziyang reiterates the unswerving policy of the CCP and the state to respect intellectuals
- 6 Mar 87 Kyodo reports from Beijing that a reliable Chinese source disclosed the full text of an important secret CCP document issued in late January 1987 on the struggle against bourgeois liberalism
- 10 Mar 87 20th meeting of Sixth NPC Standing Committee opens in Beijing  
Annual working conference of the Chinese Academy of Sciences opens  
According to South China Morning Post (Hong Kong), Deng Xiaoping has set limits to the purge of Hu Yaobang; examples of this are that Hu and Deng reportedly may still meet privately and photographs of Hu are not to be removed  
China's first ground satellite communications station is completed at the Jiuquan Satellite Launching Center, Gansu Province
- 12 Mar 87 Vice Premier Li Peng says China's current campaign against bourgeois liberalization does not signify a total rejection of Western values
- 15 Mar 87 Hongqi (Beijing) article warns that speeding up the pace of reforms is "unrealistic"  
14th meeting of Standing Committee of Sixth CPPCC National Committee opens in Beijing to prepare for Fifth Session of National Committee in late March
- 16 Mar 87 Agence France-Presse reports that China has closed down at least three publications for promoting bourgeois liberalization: Hubei Youth News, Anhui Science Journal (Hefei), and Anhui Journal of Scientific News (Hefei)

- 19 Mar 87 Revised and enlarged edition of Deng Xiaoping's book To Build Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, first published in 1984, to be distributed in late March
- 22 Mar 87 Gao Yang replaces Wang Zhen as President of CCP Central Committee Party School
- 24 Mar 87 Fifth Session of Sixth National Committee of CPPCC and Fifth Session of Sixth NPC both open in Beijing
- 25 Mar 87 Hong Kong newspapers report Hu Yaobang's first public appearance since being dismissed as General Secretary on 16 January; Hu appears as member of NPC Presidium
- 27 Mar 87 PLA Chief of General Staff Yang Dezhi says the Army fully supports and promotes current economic reforms
- 28 Mar 87 Hong Kong Standard reports that conservative journalist Du Daozheng will head new Media and Publications Office responsible for oversight of publications
- 30 Mar 87 Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong) reports Minister of Public Security Ruan Chongwu has been transferred to State Science and Technology Commission
- 1 Apr 87 CCP Central Committee Propaganda Department issues circular urging the study of Deng Xiaoping's works on building socialism, upholding the four cardinal principles, and opposing bourgeois liberalization
- 4 Apr 87 Jingji Ribao (Beijing) discusses the need to speed up reform of monetary system, as urged by Premier Zhao Ziyang in his government work report
- 5 Apr 87 Agence France-Presse reports that the 11th anniversary of a bloody 5 April 1976 protest at Tiananmen Square passed without incident
- 7 Apr 87 Former Secretary of the Zhejiang Provincial CCP Committee Wang Feng reportedly named as new Minister of Public Security
- 11 Apr 87 Xinhua calls the atmosphere of democracy prevailing at latest NPC session "unprecedented"
- Fifth Session of Sixth NPC endorses Premier Zhao Ziyang's government work report
- China Daily (Beijing) reports that according to PLA Navy Commander Liu Huaqing, the Chinese Navy has approved a 13-year strategic development plan
- 13 Apr 87 PLA Deputy Chief of the General Staff Xu Xin, in Beijing Review interview, denies the PLA was behind the ouster of Hu Yaobang: Xu also denies China is building an aircraft

carrier

- 15 Apr 87 Xinhua reports that China will hold nationwide activities from mid-July to August in celebration of the 60th founding anniversary of the PLA on 1 August
- 16 Apr 87 Hsin Wan Pao (Hong Kong) reports that Deng Xiaoping hinted that Premier Zhao Ziyang would relinquish the premiership when he is formally appointed CCP General Secretary after the 13th Party Congress
- 17 Apr 87 State Council issues decision tightening enforcement of tax laws and tax collection
- 20 Apr 87 China Daily (Beijing) reports new pension system will be instituted in most Chinese cities by end of 1987
- 21 Apr 87 Minister of Culture Wang Meng denies rumors of his resignation
- 22 Apr 87 Hong Kong radio report claims ousted CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang is being criticized further and that Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian and dismissed Minister of Public Security Ruan Chongwu have joined Hu's faction
- 24 Apr 87 State Council announces launching of 5-year program to draft 50 new laws and 300 regulations
- 25 Apr 87 By State Council order, beginning 27 April China will issue new designs and braille markings on renminbi notes
- 27 Apr 87 Beijing Review denies reports of power struggle between reformists and conservatives in CCP
- 28 Apr 87 According to Ministry of Public Security, China plans to distribute identity cards to all Chinese citizens by 1990

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**May 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN MAY 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 28 Apr 87 Romanian Vice President of the Council of State Manea Manescu visits China
- 1 May 87 National People's Congress (NPC) Chairman Huang Hua leads delegation to Mexico, Colombia, and Peru; in Mexico Huang denies reports of Chinese arms sales either to the Nicaraguan Government or to the contras
- 3 May 87 Bulgarian Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the State Council Todor Zhikov visits China; party ties restored and long-term economic, scientific and technical agreement signed
- French Minister of External Relations Jean-Bernard Raimond visits China; signs judicial agreement
- 5 May 87 Deng Xiaoping calls recent Japanese court ruling awarding ownership of Guanghualiao (Kokaryo) dormitory to Taiwan "very serious" and links the issue to the "revival of militarism" in Japan
- 6 May 87 China declines to comment on reports it sold weapons to Libya earlier in 1987
- Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman urges India to withdraw troops to ease Sino-Indian border tension
- 7 May 87 Abu Iyad, member of Palestine National Liberation Movement, visits China
- Soviet Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting Popov leads delegation to China and signs cooperation agreement
- 8 May 87 China decides to expel Japanese journalist Shuitsu Henmi of the Kyodo News Agency for allegedly stealing state secrets and fabricating news reports; Henmi denies charges and returns to Japan 11 May
- United Nations Secretary General Perez de Cuellar arrives in China for official visit
- German Democratic Republic (GDR) Minister for Chemical Industry Gunther Wyschofsky visits China
- 9 May 87 Netherlands Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek lead delegation to China; China and the Netherlands sign agreement on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion
- 10 May 87 President of National Defense University Zhang Zhen leads military education delegation to the United States

International Olympic Committee discloses that China has applied officially to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000

Delegation from Export-Import Bank of Japan visits China

GDR Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Science and Technology Herbert Weiz visits China; China and GDR sign protocol on scientific and technical cooperation until 1990

- 11 May 87 Vice Premier Yao Yilin leads delegation to the Soviet Union for second meeting of Sino-Soviet Commission for Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technical Cooperation
- Mauritian Minister of Economy, Planning, and Development Dwarkanath Gungah visits China for cooperation commission meeting
- 13 May 87 Seven-member committee from the Arab League led by Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs Hedi Mabrouk visits China to discuss Iran-Iraq War
- China and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) sign accord on border river transport for 1987
- 14 May 87 Mexican Minister of Fishery Pedro Ojeda Paullada visits China
- 15 May 87 Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun visits the United States and Canada
- Mauritanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Mohamed Lemine Ould N'diayane pays unofficial visit to China
- 16 May 87 Chilean Navy training vessel Esmeralda pays week-long port call to China
- 18 May 87 Polish Minister of Foreign Trade Andrzej Wojcik visits China for cooperation committee meeting
- Botswanan Minister of Health Lesedi Mothibamele visits China
- 19 May 87 British Princess Margaret visits China; Vice Premier Li Peng says China is ready to develop even closer ties with Britain
- 21 May 87 DPRK President Kim Il-song pays official goodwill visit to China; Deng and Kim claim no differences between them
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian begins African tour of Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania, Algeria, and the Ivory Coast
- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Sheykh ol-Eslam, Special

- Envoy of Iranian Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi, visits China and discusses Iran's position on Iran-Iraq War; although China denies selling Iran weapons, ol-Eslam says Iran buys weapons from any country except Israel, Japan, or South Africa
- Czech Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission Vladimir Janza visits China
- 23 May 87 Vice Premier Qiao Shi begins trip to Burma, Nepal, and Bangladesh
- Vice President of the Yugoslav Federal Executive Council Milos Milosavljevic visits China and presides over opening of large Yugoslav economic exhibition in Beijing
- 24 May 87 Indian Secretary of Ministry of Commerce Prem Kumar visits China and signs trade protocol for 1987-88
- 25 May 87 New Zealand parliamentary delegation visits China
- French Minister of Posts and Telecommunications G. Longuet visits China to confer on French assistance in expanding Beijing's telephone and microwave networks
- 26 May 87 Singaporean First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong visits China
- 27 May 87 Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Central Committee delegation visits China
- 28 May 87 Mexican Secretary of Planning and Federal Budget and personal envoy of the Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari is visiting China
- Hungarian Secretary of State and Director of Hungarian Youth and Sports Bureau Gabor Deak visits China and signs 1987 sports exchange protocol
- 29 May 87 Japanese Defense Agency Director General Yuko Kurihara visits China; Chinese Defense Minister Zhang Aiping says Japan should limit its military development in order to avoid causing anxiety among neighboring countries
- Delegation from Democratic Party of the Ivory Coast led by Minister of State and member of Political Bureau Executive Committee Camille Alliali visits China
- United National Independence Party of Zambia signs cooperation protocol with Chinese Communist Party
- 30 May 87 Former Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakurauchi leads delegation from Japan's Association of International Musicians to China

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN MAY 1987

### Domestic Affairs

- 1 May 87 Acting General Secretary and Premier Zhao Ziyang and other leaders celebrate May Day (International Labor Day) in Shenyang, Liaoning Province  
Large-scale military parade held at PLA Navy's East China Sea Fleet training base in Shanghai; the first of its kind there
- 3 May 87 Deputy Director of the CCP Central Committee's Propaganda Department He Jingshi reportedly says Liu Binyan would be welcome to rejoin the party if he corrects his mistakes
- 5 May 87 PLA Air Force reportedly has successfully developed new semiautomatic firing command system that will modernize ground-to-air missile units
- 6 May 87 Recent combined naval exercises involving submarines, surface vessels, and air squadrons have raised fighting capability  
China's largest forest fire in 40 years begins to rage in northeast China near Sino-Soviet border; death toll over 200 and over 50,000 people evacuated before finally extinguished in late May; five people arrested and charged with starting the fire
- 8 May 87 Announcement that former Vice President of the Chinese University of Science and Technology Fang Lizhi, who was expelled from the Chinese Communist Party earlier in 1987, will attend international academic meeting in Italy
- 10 May 87 Seminar held to commemorate 45th anniversary of Mao Zedong's speech at the Yanan Literature and Art Forum
- 11 May 87 Xinhua reports that Minister of Defense and Deputy Secretary General of the Military Commission Zhang Aiping held a tea party in honor of the nurses at the PLA General Hospital, where he underwent surgery in early 1987
- 16 May 87 Pai Hsing (Hong Kong) reports that Yao Yilin could become the next CCP General Secretary and Zhao may remain Premier, or Zhao may become General Secretary and Li Peng will become Premier
- 26 May 87 State Council issues ban on smuggling and stealing of cultural relics
- 27 May 87 According to Jiefangjun Bao (Beijing), more than 100,000 PLA officers will be demobilized and transferred to civilian work in 1987
- 28 May 87 Li Shuxian, wife of controversial intellectual Fang Lizhi, is elected Deputy to the Haidian District People's Congress in Beijing; Li is associate physics professor at Beijing

University

Former Governor of Jiangxi Province Ni Xianc is dismissed  
from CCP for sexual misconduct

**PRC POLICY AND STRATEGY:  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED**

**June 1987**

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JUNE 1987

### Foreign Affairs

- 27 May 87 Vice Chairman of the CCP Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun visits Canada
- 29 May 87 British Air Chief Marshal and Deputy Chief of Defense Staff Sir Patrick Hine visits China
- 30 May 87 Leovigildo dos Santos, Administrative Secretary of the Movement for the Liberation of Sao Tome and Principe Central Committee, visits China
- 31 May 87 According to Sunday Times (Manila), Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Chen Songlu says China does not support communist insurgents and does not approve of foreign bases in Asia
- 1 Jun 87 Delegation from Japanese Komeito Party led by Chairman of Executive Committee Junya Yano visits China; on 4 June, Deng Xiaoping warns Yano that the Japanese court decision on the Guanghualiao (Kokaryo) dormitory decision violates the 1978 Sino-Japanese Peace Treaty
- Vice Premier Qiao Shi arrives in Bangladesh after visiting Nepal and Burma
- 2 Jun 87 Polish United Workers' Party Central Committee member Jerzy Majka and delegation leave for Poland after visit to China
- Singaporean First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Goh Chok Tong visits China
- Education delegation led by Vice Chairman of State Education Commission He Dongchang visits the United States
- Central African Republic Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Jean Louis Psimhis visits China
- 3 Jun 87 Xinhua reports that China and Poland sign seven economic and technical cooperation agreements
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian visits Ivory Coast, the last stop on his African tour
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman again denies that there have been clashes on the Sino-Indian border
- 4 Jun 87 Chinese Premier and Acting CCP General Secretary Zhao Ziyang arrives in Poland on first leg of tour of five East European nations: Poland, German Democratic Republic (GDR), Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Bulgaria
- Delegation from the United Nations Council for Namibia, including its President Peter D. Zuze and SWAPO Secretary

- General Herman Tolvo ja Tolvo, visits China
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian visits Spain after African tour
- 5 Jun 87 Colombian House of Representatives delegation led by House President Roman Gomez Ovalle visits China
- China and the United Kingdom (UK) sign final and comprehensive settlement of all their historical property claims, making the UK the first West European country to reach this type of agreement with China
- According to Kyodo, China will use the name "Republic of Korea" for the first time during the upcoming fourth Asian women's volleyball championships in Shanghai in June
- 6 Jun 87 Supreme Commander of Thai Armed Forces Admiral Supha Khotchaseni visits China
- China and Mongolia initial agreement on rules for handling border problems after talks in Ulaanbaatar
- 7 Jun 87 Delegation from House of Representatives of Cyprus visits China
- Vice Chairman of the CCP Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun visits Paris after trip to United States and Canada
- Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Shuqing, in Calcutta en route to Bhutan, says China wants friendly relations with India and wishes to settle border issue through peaceful negotiations
- 8 Jun 87 Member of the Presidium of the Yugoslav League of Communists Central Committee Stefan Korosec visits China
- China makes official protest over recent disparaging remarks made by Japanese Foreign Ministry official accusing Deng Xiaoping of having his head in the clouds and of being out of touch with the reality of Sino-Japanese relations; on 10 June China calls the remarks a "malicious attack"
- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Shuqing visits Bhutan for fourth round of border talks begun in 1984; joint communique at conclusion of talks calls them satisfactory
- Soviet Defense Ministry announces that partial withdrawal of Soviet troops from Mongolia is complete; China says partial withdrawal is not enough and all troops should be withdrawn
- 9 Jun 87 Polish First Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission F. Kubiczek visits China

Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada visits China

Leading Chinese industrialist Wang Guangying, Chairman of China's Everbright Holdings Company, visits the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Oman

10 Jun 87 According to Agence France-Presse, China will welcome athletes from Taiwan to compete in Asian Games in Beijing in 1990

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman says China is considering a request from Kuwait to join the United States and the Soviet Union in protecting Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf against Iranian attacks

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman calls for early end to Iran-Iraq War and denies reports that China and Iran concluded a secret arms-for-oil deal or that China will build ordnance factories in Iran

11 Jun 87 Admiral Ronald J. Hays, Commander-in-Chief of the US Pacific Command, visits China

12 Jun 87 Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati visits China

14 Jun 87 Indian Foreign Minister Narain Dutt Tiwari visits China to discuss border issue; calls talks "satisfactory" and "a modest step forward towards normalization"

15 Jun 87 Zairian Chief of the Military Office of the President Col. Amela visits China

US Science Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy William Graham visits China for fifth meeting of Sino-US Joint Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation in Beijing

16 Jun 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) carries news of Japan's apology for disparaging remarks about Deng Xiaoping by Japanese Foreign Ministry official; Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Kensuke Yanagiya resigns amid controversy over his remarks but Japanese Foreign Ministry claims his early retirement is unrelated to the controversy

Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports that case of fishing vessel from Fujian Province that sank after collision with Taiwan freighter was settled satisfactorily through consultations and compensation paid by the freighter's insurance company, Lloyds of London

Danish Minister of Industry Niels Welhjelm visits China

17 Jun 87 Burmese Minister for Energy U Sein Tun visits China

Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman rejects Vietnam's claims to the Nansha and Xisha Islands in the South China Sea

Agence France-Presse, reporting on heavy military traffic in Xizang (Tibet) related to Sino-Indian border tension, says at least 12 Chinese fighter planes were spotted at airport near Lhasa

Delegates to 27th meeting of China-Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Commission for Scientific and Technological Cooperation sign protocol on over 80 cooperative projects

- 18 Jun 87 Vice Chairman of National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee Peng Chong leads delegation to Mongolia  
Member of National Council of Revolution of Burkina Faso Blaise Compaore visits China
- 21 Jun 87 Premier Zhao Ziyang arrives in Pakistan for 4-day official visit after his East European tour
- 23 Jun 87 Mauritanian Minister of Equipment Brahim Alioune Ould N'diaye visits China
- 24 Jun 87 Former US President Jimmy Carter visits China and meets with high-level leaders including Deng Xiaoping  
Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson says political structural reform in Hong Kong must converge with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which is being formulated  
Acting Chinese Premier Wan Li meets Madame Monique Sihanouk, wife of Democratic Kampuchean President Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, in Beijing on her way to Cambodia; affirms that although President Sihanouk is on leave temporarily, he is still president
- 25 Jun 87 Thai Deputy Prime Minister Phong Sarasin visits China  
Czech Communist Party First Deputy Minister of Political and Organization Department Karel Kovar leads delegation to China  
Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman condemns two United States House of Representatives amendments on human rights in China as "gross interference in China's internal affairs"  
Suriname Minister of Education, Science, and Culture A.S. Li Fo Sjoe signs cultural agreement with China in Beijing

Memorial to Zhou Enlai in Kyoto is vandalized; Japanese leaders express regret and Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls it an "outrageous act"

26 Jun 87 Chinese and Japanese cabinet ministers hold fifth regular meeting in Beijing; problematic political issues and trade imbalance discussed in depth

27 Jun 87 Spanish Defense Minister Narciso Serra visits China and discusses possible joint production of military equipment

29 Jun 87 Colombian Senate delegation led by its President Humberto Pelaez visits China

China and Ethiopia sign trade protocol in Beijing

Israeli Communist Party delegation led by General Secretary Meir Vilner visits China and restores party relations with CCP; Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies possibility of establishing diplomatic relations with Israel at present

Bolivian President of the National Congress Julio Garrett Aillon leads delegation to China

30 Jun 87 Niger Minister for Mines and Energy Sani Koutoubi visits China

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JUNE 1987

Domestic Affairs

- 31 May 87    Zhongguo Xinwen She announces that the PLA is among the top three armies in the world in number of tanks
- Xinhua releases Bo Yibo's "Basic Summary of Party Rectification and Further Strengthening of Party Building"
- 1 Jun 87    Song Ping, former Chairman of State Planning Commission, is transferred to be Director, Organization Department, CCP Central Committee; former Director Wei Jianxing is transferred to head new Ministry of Supervision; Yao Yilin becomes acting Chairman of State Planning Commission
- 2 Jun 87    Chairman of the CCP Central Military Commission Deng Xiaoping issues citation commanding troops involved in fighting forest fires in northeast
- 3 Jun 87    Premier Zhao Ziyang, Acting General Secretary of the CCP, announces that during his trip to Eastern Europe and Pakistan, Vice Premier Wan Li will be acting premier and Political Bureau member Hu Qili will preside over CCP Secretariat meetings
- 4 Jun 87    Deng Xiaoping tells Japanese Komeito Party leader Junya Yano that he may retire at the 13th Party Congress but that there will be no major policy changes
- Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports on demonstration flight of new Chinese helicopter, the multipurpose ZHI-8
- 5 Jun 87    According to European scientists, China carries out first nuclear test since 1984 at Lop Nor, Xinjiang; test is most powerful in China's history, registering 6.2 on the Richter scale
- 6 Jun 87    State Council relieves Minister of Forestry Yang Zhong from his post as part of criticism of mismanagement of China's worst forest fire; on 23 June Vice Minister of Forestry Dong Zhiyong also dismissed
- 8 Jun 87    PLA Marine Corps Commander Huang Chaoshi tells Xinhua that corps is now a modernized quick response force capable of carrying out both sea and land operations
- 9 Jun 87    Renmin Haijun Bao (Beijing) reports that a large PLA naval formation successfully patrolled the waters around the Nansha Islands for the first time in the second half of May and early June
- 12 Jun 87    South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that Deng Liqun was hospitalized for unknown reasons
- 14 Jun 87    Hong Kong sources report that students at the Central

- Institute of Finance and Banking in Beijing boycotted classes for 5 days to protest delays in removing a tobacco factory from the campus; boycott is first reported incidence of major student unrest since the large-scale demonstrations the past winter
- 16 Jun 87 Plenary session of 21st meeting of 6th NPC Standing Committee in Beijing discusses draft law on technology contracts, antipollution legislation, terrorism, the Macao declaration, and the final report on the 1986 state budget
- China Civil Aviation Administration Boeing 747 airliner collides with military plane at Fuzhou airport; fighter pilot is only person killed
- 17 Jun 87 Wuhan City Intermediate People's Court sentences 25-year-old Lu Di to 4 years in prison for disrupting public order and inciting local students to create disturbances in December 1986 and January 1987
- 18 Jun 87 Hong Kong Standard reports that Ye Xuanping, son of late Marshal Ye Jianying, may be promoted later in 1987 from position as Governor of Guangdong Province to State Council or other key department in Beijing
- 20 Jun 87 Political Bureau member Xi Zhongxun says upcoming 13th Party Congress will address political structural reform as well as the struggle against bourgeois liberalization and economic structural reform
- 21 Jun 87 Chairman of the CCP Central Military Commission Deng Xiaoping approved the retirement of 34 cadres at or above army level in the Beijing Military Region
- 23 Jun 87 21st meeting of 6th NPC Standing Committee closes after appointing Vice Premier Yao Yilin new Minister in Charge of the State Planning Commission, Song Ping new head of CCP Organization Department, Wei Jianxing new Minister of Supervision, and Gao Dezhan new Minister of Forestry; ratifies Macao Declaration and consular treaties with Bulgaria and Mexico, and joins international antiterrorist convention on protection of diplomats
- 25 Jun 87 Zhongguo Xinwen She reports from Beijing that China's institutions of higher learning are taking steps to strengthen school discipline and school spirit
- 30 Jun 87 Deng Xiaoping's 1980 speech, "On the Reform of the System of Party and State Leadership" is republished
- CCP Central Discipline Inspection Commission decides to expel all CCP members who ask for or take bribes regardless of severity of case

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED**

**July-August 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN JULY AND AUGUST 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 1 Jul 87 Kyodo reports that Deng Xiaoping has ordered possible reprisals against Japan if the Japanese Government does not intervene in a court ruling that recently gave the ownership of the Kokaryo dormitory in Kyoto to Taiwan rather than China  
Chinese consulate general opens in Chongjin, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) under 1985 agreement  
Spanish Minister of Defense Narciso Serra visits China
- 2 Jul 87 Delegation from the Legislative Proposals Commission of the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet led by Commission Chairman Georgiy Razumovskiy visits China  
Agence France-Presse reports that China will not include Japanese officials in a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Lugouqiao (Marco Polo Bridge) incident, early in the Sino-Japanese War  
Bangladeshi President Husain Mohammad Ershad visits China; attends foundation-laying ceremony for school built with Bangladeshi aid and signs protocol on Chinese assistance for the Shambhugonj Bridge  
Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong signs friendly cooperation accord with the l'Île de France Regional Council, which includes Paris
- 3 Jul 87 Executive Director of the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) James Grant visits China to discuss cooperative projects
- 4 Jul 87 Chinese Writers' Association and Polish Writers' Union sign cooperation protocol for 1988-89 in Warsaw  
China and Mongolia sign scientific and technical cooperation protocol for 1987-88, renewing cooperation after 20 years  
Delegation from Democratic Left Party of Ecuador visits China  
Xinhua News Agency and News Agency of Nigeria sign cooperation agreement
- 6 Jul 87 All-China Journalists Association and the Union of Journalists of the USSR sign 5-year cooperative agreement  
Inauguration ceremony held for a museum near Lugouqiao dedicated to the War of Resistance Against Japan  
Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong signs protocol on cooperation between Beijing and Prague during visit to Czechoslovakia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses "strong indignation" at two US Congressional amendments on human rights in China and specifically in Tibet that constitute a "gross interference in China's internal affairs"

7 Jul 87 Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Arturo Hernandez Grisanti visits China and signs petrochemical production cooperation agreement with China Petroleum Corporation

According to Israeli newspaper Hadashot (Tel Aviv), an unnamed Chinese vice premier will meet with Israeli Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres in Geneva to discuss an international conference on the Middle East

9 Jul 87 Receptions held in Beijing and Pyongyang mark the 26th anniversary of the Sino-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance

French Minister of External Commerce Michel Noir attends seventh meeting of Sino-French Joint Committee on Economic and Trade Cooperation in Beijing; France to offer China loans for 13 cooperative projects

Italian Communist Party Central Committee Member Luciano Pettinari visits China

11 Jul 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman says China plans to release 14 captured Vietnamese spies and armed personnel

Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denies reports that DPRK President Kim Il-song's son Kim Chong-il visited China from 8 to 10 July

12 Jul 87 Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) Chancellor Helmut Kohl pays official visit to China; agreements on electronics, training, and satellite equipment signed; Kohl is first head of state to visit Tibet

General Aslam Beg, Deputy Chief of the Pakistani Army Staff, pays 10-day visit to China

13 Jul 87 Gambian People's Progressive Party Chairman Kelepha Samba leads delegation to China

Grenada Minister of External Affairs Ben Joseph Jones heads first government delegation to China since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1985; signs economic and technological cooperation agreement signed

15 Jul 87 Bulgarian Communist Party Central Committee Secretariat Secretary and Political Bureau member Chudomir Aleksandrov visits China

- US portrait exhibition scheduled to be shown in China is cancelled after China insists portraits of Douglas MacArthur and Golda Meir be omitted
- Xinhua reports that over the past 3 months, the Taiwan authorities have repeatedly harassed fishing vessels from Fujian Province operating close to Taiwan
- 16 Jul 87 A second monument to Sino-Japanese friendship in Japan is vandalized by a Japanese rightist group
- 18 Jul 87 Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Political Bureau member and Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers Laszlo Marothy visits China
- Two New Zealand Navy ships, the frigates Southland and Canterbury, make first Chinese port call
- 20 Jul 87 Vice Chairman of National Defense Science, Technology, and Industry Commission Xie Guang leads military delegation to Nigeria
- 21 Jul 87 Minister in Charge, State Physical Culture and Sports Commission Li Menghua visits Iran, Spain, and Kenya
- Chrysler Motors Corporation and the First Automobile Works of Changchun sign agreement on manufacturing engines in China
- 22 Jul 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman refutes Indian press report that China has deployed medium-range missiles in Tibet directed against India; also denies links between China and Indian separatist movements
- 23 Jul 87 Malian Minister of Public Health Mme. Aissata Sidibe visits China
- Xinhua reports that China concluded 738 joint venture contracts in the first half of 1987, 30.4 percent more than in the same period the previous year
- 24 Jul 87 Chinese man arrested for act of vandalism at Japanese Embassy in Beijing; first such act since establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972
- Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong signs cooperation protocol with Belgrade during visit to Yugoslavia
- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Qi Huaiyuan makes African tour of Rwanda, Burundi, Mali, Mauritania, and Morocco; then travels to Kuwait
- 27 Jul 87 General Secretary of Socialist Party of Cyprus Takis Khatzidimitrious visits China

- 29 Jul 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses Chinese support for DPRK's 23 July proposal of disarmament and phased withdrawal from the Korean peninsula
- 29 Jul 87 Pakistani Minister of State for Defense Rana Naim Mahmud Khan visits China for handing-over ceremony of first oil and water supply tanker made by China for the Pakistani Navy
- 30 Jul 87 Minister of Commerce Liu Yi signs trade memorandum at third Sino-Iranian Joint Economic Commission meeting in Tehran
- 31 Jul 87 Netherlands Labor Party Vice Chairman Jan Pronk visits China
- 3 Aug 87 DPRK Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Chae-suk visits China
- 5 Aug 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman reiterates that China has not sold weapons to Iran or Iraq, but says that the international arms market is "very complicated"
- 6 Aug 87 Spanish Communist Party Secretariat and Executive Committee member Felipe Alcaraz Masat visits China
- 7 Aug 87 Soviet Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Igor A. Rogachev leads Soviet Government delegation to second round of Sino-Soviet border talks in Beijing; Chinese and Soviet experts' working group established for specific discussion of northeastern sector of border  
Minister of Public Security Wang Fang leads delegation to DPRK
- 9 Aug 87 Nei Monggol Autonomous Region and Mongolian People's Republic (MPR) sign trade protocol worth \$1.38 million
- 11 Aug 87 Agreement on broadcasting and television signed between China and Senegal  
China and Cameroon sign health cooperation protocol
- 12 Aug 87 US Attorney General Edwin Meese leads delegation to China to attend the Sino-US Joint Session on Trade, Investment, and Economic Law at the invitation of the Ministry of Justice
- 13 Aug 87 NPC Standing Committee member and Vice Chairman of the NPC Nationalities Committee Yu Wen leads group on investigation tour of the USSR  
Austrian Federal Minister of Education and Arts Hilde Hawlicek leads friendship delegation to China
- 14 Aug 87 Xinhua commentary expresses hope that the United States will change its "absurd" policy of withholding funds from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the grounds

- that the Fund contributes to forced abortion in China
- 15 Aug 87 Bolivian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Gonzalo Saavedra Espinoza leads first Bolivian military delegation to China since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1985; delegation includes commanders of the army, navy, and air force
- 17 Aug 87 DPRK Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army and Korean Workers' Party Political Bureau member General O Kuk-yol leads government military delegation to China
- 18 Aug 87 French Communist Party Political Bureau and Secretariat member Andre Lajoinie visits China
- Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs Air Chief Marshal Sitthi Sawetsila visits China
- 19 Aug 87 Burundi Minister of External Relations and Cooperation Egide Nkuriyingoma visits China
- Agence France-Presse reports that President Li Xiannian will visit France, Italy, and Belgium in November
- 20 Aug 87 Chinese specialist on Eastern Europe Yu Hongliang appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union
- French Secretary of State for Defense Jacques Boyon, most senior French defense official to visit China to date, signs military and arms cooperation agreements
- 21 Aug 87 Polish United Workers' Party Political Bureau and Secretariat member Marian Wozniak visits China
- Chairman of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Lando R. Zech, Jr. visits China to discuss nuclear safety
- 22 Aug 87 Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Qian Qichen attends United Nations conference on the relationship between disarmament and development in New York and pays working visits to the United States and Canada
- Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin begins tour of Finland, Sweden, and Iceland, to be followed by visit to Algeria
- 24 Aug 87 Xinhua reports that Beijing will host an international aviation exhibition from 14 to 20 October
- Loan agreement signed between Belgium and China
- Luxembourg Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jacques Poos visits China and signs loan agreement

- 25 Aug 87 Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Qi Huaiyuan visits Iran  
Yemen Arab Republic (YAR) General People's Congress delegation visits China
- 26 Aug 87 Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party delegation visits China  
Swedish Army Commander Lieutenant General Erik G. Bengtsson visits China
- 27 Aug 87 PLA Air Force Commander Wang Hai leads goodwill delegation to DPRK  
PLA goodwill group led by Political Commissar of Nanjing MR Fu Kuiqing visits Romania
- 28 Aug 87 Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister Ong Teng Cheong visits China to attend International Symposium on Confucianism
- 29 Aug 87 Italian Communist Party leader and Chamber of Deputies member Leonilde Jotti visits China  
President Li Xiannian sends message of support to Philippine President Corazon Aquino  
Democratic Kampuchean delegation led by Chairman Samdech Norodom Sihanouk pays 5-day official visit to China
- 30 Aug 87 Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Amadou-Mahtar Mbow visits China
- 31 Aug 87 Third monument to Sino-Japanese friendship vandalized in Japan

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Domestic Affairs

- 29 Jun 87 Guangming Ribao (Beijing) carries an article describing the initial stage of socialism as including the coexistence of various forms of ownership and allowing some people to get rich before others
- 1 Jul 87 Cheng Ming (Hong Kong) predicts that Hu Yaobang may stage a comeback and Deng Liqun will be demoted at 13th CCP Congress  
Vice Chairman of the CCP Advisory Commission Bo Yibo is interviewed on the 66th anniversary of the founding of the CCP  
Deng Xiaoping's important article "On the Reform of the System of Party and State Leadership" is republished in conjunction with the 66th anniversary of the CCP's founding  
State Council appoints Li Chang'an to relieve Ma Zhongchen as Deputy Secretary General of the State Council
- 5 Jul 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports on CCP movement to have "fewer but better" party members
- 6 Jul 87 Eleven alleged "counter-revolutionaries" arrested in Sichuan for distributing anti-communist materials and organizing sabotage
- 8 Jul 87 Director of State Family Planning Commission Liang Jimin tells reporters that abortion is not mandatory in China for second pregnancies, but admits abuses of policy occur locally when officials are pressured to meet population quotas  
Artillery Museum at the 11th Artillery Institute opens in Zhangjiakou, Hebei
- 9 Jul 87 State Councillor and Governor of the People's Bank of China Chen Muhua declares that despite some problems, China's financial situation during the first half of 1987 was "good"  
State Councillor and Minister of National Defense Zhang Aiping cuts ribbon at opening ceremony for the North China International Shooting Academy, a military shooting range near Beijing open to Chinese and foreign marksmen
- 12 Jul 87 State Council begins crackdown against illegal publications
- 13 Jul 87 Ta Kung Pao (Hong Kong) reports on the recent release of Zhao Ziyang's 13 May speech to propaganda, theoretical, press, and party school cadres; speech reportedly emphasizes intensifying the struggle against bourgeois liberalization while moving ahead with economic reform  
Xinhua carries report that 185 CCP members were arrested in

- the first 5 months of 1987 for taking bribes
- PLA Air Force Commander Wang Hai says China now possesses an effective large-scale air defense system
- 16 Jul 87 Ministry of Railways announces plan to revamp China's busiest railway lines in northeast and coastal regions
- 17 Jul 87 State Planning Commission plans to accelerate progress on twelve key projects including coal mining, oil extracting, natural gas, power generation, new rail lines and double-track rail lines, and cement production
- According to spokesman from State Statistical Bureau, China's exports increased and trade deficit decreased in the first half of 1987
- 18 Jul 87 Young man from Hebei Province apprehended after minor explosion on Tiananmen Square that caused no injuries or damage
- 21 Jul 87 Ta Kung Pao (Hong Kong) speculates that important CCP figures will discuss party and state affairs, especially the upcoming 13th National Party Congress, while they vacation at the seashore at Beidaihe
- Agence France-Presse reports that Deng Xiaoping told FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl that Zhao Ziyang would be confirmed as General Secretary of the CCP at the 13th National Party Congress and that except for Zhao, all Political Bureau Standing Committee members would be replaced by new, younger members
- 22 Jul 87 According to Hong Kong Standard, ousted CCP leaders Hu Yaobang and Hua Guofeng will attend the 13th National Party Congress in the fall
- 23 Jul 87 Zhongguo Xinwen She reports that the 1985 plan to reduce the PLA by 1 million troops is proceeding smoothly and on schedule
- 24 Jul 87 Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong) reports that the PLA Navy will conduct a major naval exercise using advanced equipment in the East China Sea around 5 August; equipment to include a "seaborne laser electronic training simulation system;" PLA Army and Air Force reportedly carried out similar exercises in 1985 and 1986
- Renmin Ribao (Beijing) carries lengthy article by Zhang Aiping commemorating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the PLA
- 25 Jul 87 According to the Hong Kong Standard, Deng Xiaoping reportedly advised his son Deng Pufang to resign as chairman

of the Kang Hua Industrial Company because it conflicts with his role as head of the China Welfare Fund for the Disabled

Ban Yue Tan (Beijing) reviews major achievements in army building over the past 8 years

- 29 Jul 87 President Li Xiannian tells visiting Japanese delegation he will retire from the Political Bureau in October
- 30 Jul 87 Xinhua reports that China has built an initial, modern national defense communications network including automatic long-distance telephone and Chinese language computer terminals
- 31 Jul 87 Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun and other leaders speak at "grand meeting" held in Beijing to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the PLA  
Celebrations held to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Nei Monggol Autonomous Region
- 1 Aug 87 Cheng Ming (Hong Kong) reports widespread rumors that Chen Yun is seriously ill with a cerebral hemorrhage  
Largest PLA outpatient clinic attached to PLA General Hospital opens in Beijing
- 2 Aug 87 According to the South China Morning Post (Hong Kong), a front-page photograph of deposed CCP leader Hu Yaobang fuels speculation that his political future may not be over
- 4 Aug 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that Deng Xiaoping has threatened to scrap the Political Bureau, especially the Standing Committee, if aging members refuse to retire
- 5 Aug 87 Ming Pao (Hong Kong) reports that propaganda chiefs decided at a recent meeting that the main propaganda guideline for 13th National Party Congress will be to oppose leftism and promote reform
- 6 Aug 87 Scientist-dissident Fang Lizhi, who was expelled from the CCP earlier in 1987 for speeches promoting democracy, reportedly is discouraged from making contact with the press
- 7 Aug 87 Ministry of Water Resources and Electric Power takes disciplinary action against two government officials for "serious bureaucracy" and taking bribes  
Vice Premier Tian Jiyun will be the Chief of the new Central Headquarters for Directing the Prevention of Forest Fires
- 10 Aug 87 China recovers scientific survey and experimental technology

- satellite that was launched by a CHANG ZHENG 2 rocket 5 August
- According to Beijing Review, after this year, CCP secretaries will no longer have the authority to be de facto enterprise managers
- Zhongguo Xinwen She reports that major steps will be taken at the 13th National Party Congress to lower the average age of cadres
- 12 Aug 87 Agence France-Presse reports that one of China's leading intellectuals, playwright Wu Zuguang, has been forced to resign from the CCP and five other intellectuals have been threatened with expulsion
- China Daily (Beijing) reports plans to hold a national exhibition of shoddy merchandise in December in order to create pressure on producers to improve quality
- 15 Aug 87 Noted Chinese specialist in cybernetics Song Jian is awarded the Albert Einstein Award from the International Association for Mathematical Modeling; Song is also a State Councillor Minister in Charge, State Science and Technology Commission
- State Council issues provisions reducing income tax for foreigners working in China by 50 percent
- 16 Aug 87 Pai Hsing (Hong Kong) carries reports that Zhao Ziyang is not interested in serving as CCP general secretary and would rather be premier; that Peng Zhen is a candidate for president and that Yang Shangkun may not want to be Chairman of the Central Military Commission
- Kuang Chiao Ching (Hong Kong) reports new "propaganda leadership group" headed by Hu Qili formed
- 17 Aug 87 Ministry of Urban and Rural Construction and Environmental Protection transfers 12 bureau heads for incompetence, lack of enthusiasm, or poor health after surveying its staff
- Nationwide polls carried out by the Society Survey System indicate majority satisfaction with higher living standards and China's overall economic development and support for current political system reform
- Over 2,800 cadres of the 1987 central organs lecture groups are travelling to 23 provinces and autonomous regions to support local-level party education
- 19 Aug 87 Kyodo reports from Hong Kong that the 13th National CCP Congress may be held in late October
- State Council issues circular urging improvements in market order and greater control over commodity prices.

- 20 Aug 87 Ministry of Textile Industry is first Chinese Government organ to hire lawyers to aid in modern scientific management
- 21 Aug 87 General Office of State Council issues circular urging all provincial governments, ministries, and commissions directly responsible to the State Council to improve the handling of NPC and CPPCC proposals and complete the work by the end of September
- Renmin Ribao (Beijing) carries article praising new type of wage reform that fixes the amount of wages for every 100 yuan worth of finished work under contract, a system adopted by the building industry
- Newly-appointed Minister of Supervision Wei Jianxing pledges to combat corruption in Chinese foreign economic relations and proposes the establishment of a nationwide supervision system
- Vice Premier Li Peng inspects site of ship accident that damaged the wharf bridge at the Baoshan Iron and Steel Plant
- PLA Air Force Test Flight Regiment completes test flight of new high-altitude, high-speed training aircraft produced in China; mass production will begin soon
- 22 Aug 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs reforms diplomatic protocol formalities to save time and money: Chinese leaders travelling abroad will not give reciprocal banquets, motorcades and state banquets will be shortened, and the number of people in delegations to and from China will be reduced
- 24 Aug 87 Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong) reports that a State Council spokesman discussed the urgency of keeping commodity prices under control; leaders reportedly aware that price issue affects the stability of the political situation
- 25 Aug 87 According to Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong), central authorities vacationing at Beidaihe have spent almost every working session discussing reform and the open policy
- 26 Aug 87 State Education Commission reports that 110,000 Chinese university students are spending summer vacation in military training programs
- State Planning Commission Vice Minister Gan Zhijian states that additional large or medium-sized capital construction projects beyond those approved by the State Council must be halted
- First Chinese Youth Astronautics Research Awards presented

- 28 Aug 87 Vice Premiers Wan Li and Tian Jiyun lead delegation to inspect areas ravaged by forest fires  
Hong Kong Standard discusses effect of power shortage on China's industrial development  
Xinhua reports that fourth draft of Work Report to 13th National Party Congress is under discussion and all delegates have been elected  
Twenty-second meeting of 6th NPC Standing Committee convenes in Beijing to examine the proposal to make Hainan a province, the draft law on air pollution, and rules for NPC debates  
The Communications Bank of China, China's first joint stock bank, began issuing stock to enterprises, a new development in the reform of the banking system
- 31 Aug 87 China Daily Business Weekly (Beijing) reports that China has successfully completed the world's first superconductor research on yttrium-barium-copper under microgravity conditions in a satellite that has been recovered  
CCP Central Committee and State Council General Offices approve a report by the State Commission for Restructuring the Economy and the Ministry of Labor and Personnel on the experiments in organizational reform carried out in 16 medium-sized cities since May 1986

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**September 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 1 Sep 87    Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger visits China and gives speech on foreign affairs at the Great Hall of the People  
  
The Japanese Government says it will not intervene in the Kokaryo dormitory dispute ownership dispute between China and Taiwan unless asked to do so by the Japanese judiciary  
  
President Li Xiannian sends greetings to Chairman of the Vietnamese Council of State Vo Chi Cong on the occasion of Vietnam's National Day  
  
Senior Vice President of the World Bank Moeen A. Quershi visits China  
  
Queen of Lesotho Mamohato Bereng Seeiso visits China  
  
Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Wang Enmao leads first CPPCC delegation to Hungary
- 2 Sep 87    Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says Vice Foreign Minister Qi Huaiyuan's late August visit to Iran was to supplement the UN Secretary General's ongoing mediation efforts in the Gulf War
- 3 Sep 87    US Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics Robert B. Costello visits China  
  
Bangladeshi Armed Forces Chief of the General Staff K.M. Abdul Mahed visits China  
  
Kyodo reports that Honorary President of the China-Japan Friendship Association Wang Zhen accuses Japan of violating the terms of the 1972 Sino-Japanese Communique which recognizes that Taiwan is a part of China  
  
PLA Air Force Commander Wang Hai is decorated with the Korean National Flag Medal, First Class during his visit to Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)
- 4 Sep 87    Renmin Ribao criticizes Vietnamese leader Pham Hung's recent remarks on Sino-Vietnamese friendship as "empty talk"  
  
11th National Convention of the US-China People's Friendship Association (USCPFA) opens in New York  
  
Yu Hongliang, East European specialist and former Ambassador to Romania, is appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union  
  
Jordanian Foreign Minister Tahir al-Masri leads seven-member Arab League delegation to China to discuss Iran-Iraq War

- All-China Youth Federation delegation visits Australia
- 5 Sep 87      Former Vice President of the Japanese Liberal Democratic Party Susumu Nikaido meets with Deng Xiaoping in Beijing
- Congolese Labor Party delegation visits China
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines Andres R. Narvaza visits China
- Speaking at USCPFA luncheon, Chinese Ambassador to the United States Han Xu says China cannot commit itself to "never using force" to resolve the Taiwan issue
- Soviet State Central Puppet Theater performs in China
- 6 Sep 87      Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba visits China; China and Malaysia sign maritime transport agreement
- UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar M'bow visits China to discuss Chinese efforts against illiteracy
- Delegations from the House of Representatives of Jamaica and of Trinidad and Tobago visit China
- 7 Sep 87      Sixth Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference opens in Beijing; Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Hans Blix attends the conference and meets Premier Zhao Ziyang
- 8 Sep 87      Minister of Textile Industry Wu Wenying attends Ethiopian founding day celebrations and the first session of the Ethiopian National Assembly
- Colombian President Virgilio Barco Vargas cancels trip to China because of emergency surgery
- Angolan National Union of Laborers' delegation visits China
- South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that a Congolese student in China who had an affair with the daughter of a CCP official was sent home on the pretext he had AIDS
- 9 Sep 87      Costa Rican Popular Vanguard Party delegation visits China
- Administrator of the United Nations Development Program William Draper visits China
- 10 Sep 87     The largest Sino-US joint venture, the Antaibao opencast coal mine in Shanxi Province, goes into operation; Vice Premier Li Peng and Chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation Armand Hammer attend ceremony

Danish Queen Mother Ingrid visits China

Mexican Secretary of Tourism Antonio Enriquez Savignac visits China

Iranian Acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati visits China

Iraqi National Assembly President Sa'dun Hammadi visits China

Minister in Charge of the State Economic Commission Lu Dong attends joint economic and technical committee session in Romania

Delegation from USSR All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions visits China

11 Sep 87 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhu Qizhen visits Pakistan and signs boundary protocol on first joint boundary inspection

12 Sep 87 Secretary of Burmese Socialist Program Party U Aung Thein leads goodwill delegation to China

Minister of Culture and noted writer Wang Meng receives Italy's Mondello International Literary Prize

Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhou Nan visits Greece

13 Sep 87 Yugoslavian Confederation of Trade Unions delegation visits China

14 Sep 87 Asian Development Bank grants China a \$100 million loan, the first since China joined the organization in March 1986

China and the Soviet Union sign agreement on reciprocal book fairs

CCP International Liaison Department delegation arrives in Argentina after visits to Brazil and Uruguay

CPPCC National Committee delegation led by its Vice President Yang Jingren visits the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

Gambian parliamentary delegation visits China

Malian People's Democratic Union Central Executive Bureau member Daouda Diallo visits China

Nepalese King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya pay official visit to China

Kuwaiti Federation of Trade Unions delegation visits China

- 15 Sep 87 China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped Director Deng Pufang (Deng Xiaoping's son) leads delegation to the United States and Canada
- Bermudian Chief Justice Sir James Astwood visits China
- Chinese militiamen in Yunnan kill three Vietnamese intruders
- Polish United Workers' Party International Department Deputy Head Janusz Lewandowski visits China to discuss party-to-party cooperation for 1988-89
- 16 Sep 87 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says China appreciates the resolution on promoting Sino-Japanese friendship adopted by the Japanese House of Representatives on the 15th anniversary of relations between Japan and China
- Communist Party of Lebanon delegation visits China
- Colombian Presidential Envoy Ester Lozano de Rey visits China and conveys Colombian President Virgilio Barco Vargas' deep regret that he was forced to cancel his state visit to China because of illness
- DPRK Democratic Women's Union delegation visits China
- 17 Sep 87 China and Belgium sign judicial agreement in Beijing
- China and Uruguay sign 5-year trade agreement in Montevideo, the first step toward "imminent" establishment of diplomatic relations
- Minister of Water Conservancy and Electrical Power Qian Zhengying visits Hungary and signs water conservancy agreement
- Zambian Chief Justice Annel Silungwe visits China
- 19 Sep 87 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says China welcomes US-Soviet agreement in principle on intermediate-range missiles
- Xerox Corporation Chairman David Kearns leads delegation to China to celebrate new joint venture, Xerox Shanghai, Ltd.
- 20 Sep 87 Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian and his Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze have frank exchange of views while in New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly
- Vice Minister of Health He Jiesheng visits Somalia
- British Army Chief of the General Staff General Nigel Bagnall

ministerial-level meeting

Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee and  
daughter of President Ronald Reagan Maureen Reagan visits  
China

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 1987

Domestic Affairs

- 31 Aug 87 Beijing Review argues that although China's legal system has not been perfected, the Cultural Revolution will not be repeated; article refutes claims in Nien Cheng's Life and Death in Shanghai excerpted in Time (New York) magazine that those responsible for the Cultural Revolution are attempting to stage a comeback
- 1 Sep 87 The China Tibet Buddhist Institute opens in Beijing  
Cheng Ming (Hong Kong) discusses political struggles held during the Beidaihe leadership meetings; Wang Zhen reportedly led attack on Zhao Ziyang and recommended Deng Liqun as CCP General Secretary
- 2 Sep 87 CCP Political Bureau proposes opening the 13th National Congress on 25 October; preparations underway  
South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports speculation on leadership changes at the Party Congress: Deng Xiaoping will be replaced by Bo Yibo as Chairman of the Central Advisory Commission, Zhao Ziyang will be confirmed as CCP Secretary General, Li Peng will replace Zhao as Premier, and Wan Li will replace Li Xiannian as President
- 4 Sep 87 Gongren Ribao (Beijing) explains that reform of socialism is necessary because "practice is the sole criterion for testing truth"
- 5 Sep 87 Sixth NPC Standing Committee enacts archive law and air pollution law, ratifies Sino-French and Sino-Polish judicial agreements, and decides to submit proposal on making Hainan Island a province to the Seventh NPC for ratification
- 6 Sep 87 In a meeting with former Vice President of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party Susumu Nikaido, Deng Xiaoping suggests he will retire from both the Central Advisory Commission and the Political Bureau, but remain as Chairman of the Central Military Commission
- 9 Sep 87 Hong Kong Standard reports that Xiong Fu has been removed as editor of Hongqi [Red Flag] (Beijing), presumably for calling for a purge of liberals in artistic and literary circles
- 10 Sep 87 Vice Premier Wan Li urges water conservation for the Beijing and Tianjin area  
Ministry of Forestry promulgates "Measures Governing Woodland Logging and Reforestation"
- 11 Sep 87 In meeting with Japanese Democratic Socialist Party Chairman

Saburo Tsukamoto, Deng Xiaoping expresses desire to travel to Hong Kong in 1997 "as a retired man;" Deng says new premier will be chosen from three vice premiers: Li Peng, Tian Jiyun, or Qiao Shi

South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that Peng Zhen may replace another conservative, Chen Yun, as the head of the CCP Central Disciplinary Commission

Ministry of Nuclear Industry official reports China needs an investment of 8 billion yuan over the next 10 years in order to build 6 nuclear plants beginning in the 1990s

12 Sep 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that the 13th CCP Congress may abolish party cells in government ministries and downgrade the status of the Central Advisory Commission and the Central Disciplinary Commission

Renmin Ribao (Beijing) stresses that purging "degenerates" from the CCP will improve the party

16 Sep 87 According to Pai Hsing (Hong Kong), Yang Shangkun will be stripped of military power at the CCP Congress because he transferred military units to Beijing during the December 1986 student uprisings without notifying other authorities; other reports indicate Li Peng will become premier

China Daily (Beijing) discusses the applicability of the "elementary stage of socialism" concept to Chinese circumstances and explains the necessity of such reforms as the introduction of different types of ownership and market forces to augment central planning

Kuang Chiao Ching (Hong Kong) reports that at the 13th CCP Congress, Zhao Ziyang will become CCP General Secretary; Political Bureau Standing Committee members will be Zhao Ziyang, Hu Qili, Qiao Shi, Li Peng, and Yao Yilin; Deng Liqun will replace Hu Qiaomu on the Political Bureau; Li Peng will eventually be promoted to premier; the size of the Central Committee will be reduced and the Political Bureau will become the central CCP decision-making body

17 Sep 87 China successfully recovers scientific exploratory satellite, the 10th such recovery since 1975

Political Bureau member Hu Qili says at least seven Political Bureau members, including Chen Yun, Li Xiannian, Hu Qiaomu, Peng Zhen, Xi Zhongxun, Fang Yi, and Ni Zhifu, will step down at the 13th CCP Congress

CCP Organization Department spokesman says more than 1,700 professors, engineers, and other intellectuals joined the CCP in the first half of 1987

- 18 Sep 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports that Xi Zhongxun may become head of CPPCC, replacing Zhou Enlai's widow, Deng Yingchao; other reports say Deng would like former CCP General Secretary Hu Yaobang to replace her
- Group of 100 Uygurs from Xinjiang demonstrate in Guangzhou after an incident the previous day in which some of them were beaten up by public security personnel
- 19 Sep 87 China's first price control regulations published; specify three forms of prices: state-set prices, state-guided prices, and market-regulated prices
- 20 Sep 87 Beijing Education Commission spokesman says authorities have doubled the amount of military training for Chinese university students
- Liu Xinwu, editor of the literary monthly Renmin Wenxue (Beijing), is reinstated after an investigation for publishing a literary work that allegedly insulted the Xizang (Tibetan) nationality
- 21 Sep 87 Article "Why Deng Stresses Political Restructuring" concludes that such restructuring will help prevent catastrophes such as the Cultural Revolution and will aid the success of the four modernizations
- 23 Sep 87 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman says Chinese and foreign reporters are welcome to apply to cover the 13th CCP Congress in October
- 25 Sep 87 CCP Central Committee holds forum for public figures from all communities to discuss draft report to 13th CCP Congress
- PLA reveals plan to upgrade education of officers by 1990
- In an interview with NBC's Tom Brokaw, Premier Zhao Ziyang says reform will be the keynote of the upcoming 13th CCP Congress and conservatism will be criticized
- 28 Sep 87 State Nationality Commission issues statement opposing Dalai Lama's plan for the independence of Xizang as an action aimed at "splitting the motherland"
- 30 Sep 87 Xinhua reports that price stability is the most important factor for China to maintain an economic balance and steady development in the next year

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**October 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 30 Sep 87 State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian meets with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres at the United Nations to discuss the Middle East question; first-ever ministerial-level meeting was held because of Israel's request to meet with permanent members of the UN Security Council
- Vice Chairman of the National Council of the Romanian Socialist Democracy and Unity Front Iosif Uglar leads delegation to China
- For the first time in at least 2 decades, the Mongolia-China Friendship Agricultural and Animal Husbandry Cooperative cosponsored a gala gathering with the Chinese Embassy to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the PRC
- 1 Oct 87 Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee Ma Wenrui leads delegation to Yugoslavia and Poland
- Protocol for joint scientific research is signed by the Chinese Academy of Science and its counterpart in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)
- Director of the China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped Deng Pufang and delegation arrive in the United States after visiting Canada
- 2 Oct 87 Chairman of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly Standing Committee Yang Hyong-sop visits Heilongjiang, Jilin, and Beijing
- 3 Oct 87 President Reagan's daughter and Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee Maureen Reagan continues her visit to China and meets with Vice Premier Li Peng and President Li Xiannian
- China and Egypt sign a technical protocol on power industry cooperation
- Secretary General of the Independence Party of Morocco Mohamed Boucetta leads delegation to China to develop ties with the CCP
- Vanguard of the Madagascan Revolution delegation visits China
- Sino-Sri Lankan Joint Committee for Trade meets in Beijing
- Delegation from British Royal College of Defense Studies led by Admiral Sir David Hallifax visits China
- Chief of Staff of Argentine Navy Ramon Antonio Arosa visits

China

- 5 Oct 87 Soviet Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Igor Rogachev arrives in China for 11th round of political consultations with China; talks end on 15 October with no breakthrough on Cambodian issue; communique calls atmosphere "candid, calm, and sincere"
- PLA Air Force in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region shoots down Vietnamese jet fighter that intruded into China's air space; captured pilot Captain Tran Ton given medical care for injuries sustained while bailing out
- 6 Oct 87 Vice Minister of Chinese State Commission for Physical Culture and Sports He Zhenliang says China has not yet decided whether to participate in the Seoul Olympics
- President of Foreign Policy Committee of Assembly of Yugoslavia Dr Mijat Sukovic visits China
- First Deputy Chairman of the Polish Council of Ministers and Chairman of the Commission for Science and Technical Progress Zbigniew Szalajda visits China
- 7 Oct 87 Chinese Government lodges strong protest against the US Senate for interfering in China's internal affairs by passing a resolution on the "Tibetan question"
- Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris visits China
- Sri Lankan Minister of Trade and Shipping M.S. Amarasiri visits China
- China enters the US capital market for the first time as the Bank of China borrows \$200 million in consortium loans
- China and Jamaica sign joint venture agreement to revitalize textile mill
- Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhu Qizhen leaves Belize for Barbados, Argentina and Bolivia on his Latin American tour
- 8 Oct 87 Asian Development Bank approves first loan to China for \$100 million
- 9 Oct 87 Pacific General Telecommunication Corporation makes initial payment for launch of US communications satellite by China's Great Wall Industry Corporation
- State Councillor Gu Mu visits Thailand to study Thailand's use of foreign capital and technology; later attends trade conference in Singapore
- China enters London Eurobond market with formal agreement

- by the Bank of China to issue 200 million in floating rate notes
- 10 Oct 87 Canadian Minister of Agriculture John Wise visits China  
General Secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Janos Kadar arrives in China for 5-day official visit  
Chilean Air Force Commander Fernando Marrhei Aubel visits China
- 11 Oct 87 Thai Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Thailand-China Friendship Association Chatchai Chunhawan visits China
- 12 Oct 87 DPRK People's Army delegation visits China  
Secretary of State of Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) Ministry for Economic Cooperation Fried Lengl leads delegation to China to offer free emergency aid worth 10 million Federal German marks for losses caused by forest fire in northeast China
- 13 Oct 87 Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman criticizes US Congress for "repeatedly and brutally interfering into China's internal affairs" by passing amendments related to Taiwan and human rights in China  
Chairman of United Airlines J. Hartigan visits China  
Chairman of the Board of Lockheed Corporation Larry O. Kitchen meets with Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Yang Shangkun in Beijing
- 14 Oct 87 Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian tells Soviet Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Igor Rogachev that the question of Cambodia is the main obstacle to normalized Sino-Soviet relations  
Vice Premier Li Peng officially opens Beijing's International Aviation Expo '87 in Beijing with displays from 20 countries and regions  
Major Cishahayo Gerard, Special Envoy of the Burundi President and Member of the Military Committee for National Redemption, briefs President Li Xiannian on recent events in Burundi
- San Marino Secretary of State for Public Education, Culture, and Justice Fausta Morganti leads delegation to China
- 15 Oct 87 Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry does not put China on proposed list of communist countries subject to tighter high technology export controls

- China and the FRG sign initial agreement on coproduction of MPC75 passenger aircraft
- Minister-President of Bavaria, FRG and Chairman of the Social Union Franz-Josef Strauss visits China
- 16 Oct 87 Deng Xiaoping says recent actions by US Congressmen concerning Tibet reveal their "ignorance and arrogance"
- Sino-Soviet border trade fair opens in Urumqi, Xinjiang
- British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Lord Young of Graffham visits China to attend Sino-British trade fair
- Spanish Communist Party delegation visits China
- 19 Oct 87 Beijing Review states the Dalai Lama is free to return to China as long as he lives in a region other than Tibet and abandons claims for Tibetan independence
- 20 Oct 87 China and Argentina sign 1987-89 cultural exchange agreement
- 21 Oct 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman expresses concern and deep regret over US Navy military action against Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf
- Dominican Revolutionary Party President Pena Gomez visits China
- Permanent Secretary of the Military Committee for the National Salvation of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Sidya visits China
- 22 Oct 87 Malian Minister of National Defense Sekou Ly visits China
- Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Brutus Ghali visits China
- 23 Oct 87 Governor of Sokoto, Nigeria Ahmad Muhammad Daku visits China
- Botswanan Democratic Party delegation visits China
- 24 Oct 87 CCP International Liaison Department reports party ties have been established or resumed with over 130 foreign political parties since 1982
- 26 Oct 87 Edward Rowny, Special Advisor on Arms Control to the US President and Secretary of State, briefs Chinese officials on Secretary of State Shultz's visit to the Soviet Union
- In response to US charges of the Chinese sale of guided missiles to Iran, China declares it has sold weapons to neither Iran nor Iraq

- 27 Oct 87 Senegalese Minister of Commerce Abdourahmane Tour'e visits China  
Italian Military Police Commander Roberto Jucci visits China
- 29 Oct 87 Soviet Finance Ministry delegation and People's Bank of China sign agreement on remittances of money between citizens of the two countries
- 30 Oct 87 President Li Xiannian meets with Democratic Kampuchean President Samdech Norodom Sihanouk in Beijing
- 31 Oct 87 Kuwaiti Minister of State for Municipal Affairs 'Abd al-Rahman Khalid al-Ghunaymi visits China  
China and Czechoslovakia sign protocols on cooperation in power engineering and cartography  
Austrian Minister of Justice Egmont Foregger visits China

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Domestic Affairs

- 27 Sep 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) warns against new varieties of bureaucratism
- 29 Sep 87 Vice President Ulanhu delivers televised address on implementing the Law on Regional Autonomy for Minorities  
China will begin nationwide general inspection of prices in early October
- 30 Sep 87 Central Committee Secretariat Member Hu Qili announces that CCP will revise party rules at the upcoming 13th Congress
- 1 Oct 87 China celebrates 38th anniversary of founding of the PRC
- 3 Oct 87 Vice President of the People's Bank of China Liu Hongru discusses State Council's decision to reduce currency and credit loans to accelerate the pace of financial reform
- 5 Oct 87 Vice Premier Li Peng encourages further improvements in China's civil aviation service
- 6 Oct 87 New building of the Beijing Library opens its doors, making it second in size in the world to the Library of Congress
- 7 Oct 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) affirms that Xizang [Tibet] is an inseparable part of China's sacred territory
- 8 Oct 87 Li Lian appointed Secretary General of the CCP Central Advisory Commission to replace Rong Gaotang
- 10 Oct 87 South China Morning Post (Hong Kong) reports on preparations for 13th National Congress; three major issues to be resolved are related to Tibet, Taiwan, and commodity prices  
Deng Xiaoping issues first class merit citation on the PLA Air Force Flight Academy in Xinjiang  
Vice Premier Qiao Shi urges inspection of foreign economic contracts to check for misconduct such as bribery or graft  
According to State Planning Commission, purchasing power of Chinese people rose in 1987, but shortage of consumer goods also continued
- 13 Oct 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports the completion of a massive 8-year survey of China's agricultural resources  
Deputy Director of the PLA General Political Department Zhou Wenyuan advocates training personnel in both Army and

civilian service

- 14 Oct 87 Preparatory meeting for 7th Plenary Session of 12th CCP Central Committee opens; agenda includes revision of CCP Constitution  
State Economic Commission reveals that China's industrial output for 1987 is expected to top 1,000 billion yuan, double the 1979 figure
- 17 Oct 87 Agence France-Presse reports that Deng Xiaoping will remain China's undisputed leader despite his upcoming retirement from all but one position at the 13th National Congress
- 18 Oct 87 Xinhua discusses nationwide debate over case of Guan Guangmei, a Liaoning woman who earns a very high income from her successful business running shops leased from the government
- 19 Oct 87 CCP Central Commission for Discipline Inspection holds 9th Plenary Session
- 20 Oct 87 7th Plenary Session of the 12th Central Committee opens in Beijing  
China reportedly expecting bumper grain harvest of 400 million tons; second only to 1984 record
- 21 Oct 87 Hong Kong Standard discusses controversial issues of reforming the political system in Zhao Ziyang's report to the 13th National Congress, especially the necessity of separating party and state
- 22 Oct 87 Former Director General of the Civil Aviation Administration of China Shen Tu loses membership in the CCP Central Committee because he sought personal gain through abuse of power
- 24 Oct 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) reports that China's eight major democratic parties have grown rapidly over the past 8 years; total membership is now around 239,000
- 25 Oct 87 13th National CCP Congress opens in Beijing
- 28 Oct 87 For the first time since 1949, journalists from Taiwan attend official press conference at CCP Congress
- 30 Oct 87 Agence Presse-France interviews Chinese university students who say their demonstrations for democracy in December 1986 and January 1987 have borne fruit, leading to Premier Zhao's call for political reform at the 13th National Congress

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**November-December 1987**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1987

Foreign Affairs

- 22 Oct 87 China and the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) sign judicial accord
- 31 Oct 87 In Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new book Perestroika and New Thinking for Our Country and the Whole World, he says the Soviet Union is taking practical steps for good-neighbourliness with China
- 1 Nov 87 South African dissident Progressive Federal Party delegation visits China  
Bank of China Group in Hong Kong donates HK\$330 million to support Hong Kong stock market after recent crash
- 2 Nov 87 Deng Xiaoping congratulates the new Japanese leader Takeshita and hopes for a new situation in Sino-Japanese relations; Zhao Ziyang says Sino-Japanese problems can be resolved through joint efforts  
Netherlands Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Gerrit Braks visits China  
US Deputy Secretary of State Michael Armacost attends Sino-US vice ministerial consultations in Beijing on international issues
- Romanian Executive Political Committee Alternate Member and Chairman of the State Planning Committee Stefan Birlea visits China
- Austrian Federal Council President Helga Hieden-Sommer leads delegation to China  
"Operation Breakthrough" Conference in Oklahoma promotes Sino-US trade, especially with the American Mid-West
- 3 Nov 87 Mozambican Prime Minister Mario Fernandes da Graca Machungo visits China; signs documents on agricultural cooperation
- 4 Nov 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denounces allegations by the US that China has sold arms to Iran as "groundless"  
Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs Baye Berhanu visits China  
American writer Harrison Salisbury meets with Deng Pufang, Zhao Ziyang, and Hu Qiaomu  
Malagasy Minister of the Interior Augustin Ampy Portos visits China

- 5 Nov 87 President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Zhang Wenjin leads delegation to Moscow to attend 70th anniversary celebrations of the October Revolution; attends military parade and is received by Chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium Gromyko
- Sino-Soviet Friendship Association holds reception in Beijing in honor of the 70th anniversary of the October Revolution; on 6 November, two CCP Politburo members, Vice Premier Wan Li and Minister of Railways Ding Guangen, attend reception at Soviet Embassy
- Chinese Government spokesman expresses concern for safety of six Chinese nationals who were kidnapped by Kurdish nationalists in northern Iraq
- China signs agreement with Norway to establish China's first maritime ground satellite station
- China and the Philippines sign cultural program for 1988-89
- President Li Xiannian leaves on state visit to France, Italy, Luxembourg, and Belgium; makes stopover visit in Pakistan en route home
- 6 Nov 87 Democratic Kampuchean President Samdech Norodom Sihanouk visits China
- 9 Nov 87 Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Premier Yi Kun-mo arrives on goodwill visit to China
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) loans China \$1 million and approves technical assistance to help streamline operations of the People's Bank of China
- NPC Vice Chairman Huang Hua visits Finland
- 10 Nov 87 Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Marian Orzechowski visits China
- Pakistani Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Yasin Khan Wattoo attends 4th session of Sino-Pakistani Joint Committee on Economic, Trade, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation
- Congolese Party of Labor Central Committee Secretary Gabriel Oba-Apounou leads youth delegation to China
- Communist Party of Palestine delegation visits China
- 11 Nov 87 Philippine Jaime Cardinal Sin visits China and reportedly discusses ways of normalizing relations between China and the Vatican; Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman later calls on the Vatican to sever its diplomatic relations with Taiwan

- 12 Nov 87 Japanese Socialist Party delegation visits China
- 13 Nov 87 State Councillor and Minister of Finance Wang Bingqian attends China-US Joint Economic Commission session in Washington
- State Councillor Gu Mu leads delegation to Australia and New Zealand
- Governor of Indiana Robert Orr visits China
- 15 Nov 87 NPC Vice Chairman Wang Renzhong leads delegation on visits to Sudan, Morocco, and Libya
- 16 Nov 87 Sierra Leonean Parliament President William N.S. Conteh leads delegation to China
- Sino-Burmese Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement is signed in Rangoon
- Chinese trade delegation visits Kuwait and Saudi Arabia; first comprehensive Chinese trade delegation to visit Saudi Arabia
- 17 Nov 87 Xinhua releases report that China shot down a US U-2 reconnaissance plane in 1965 with a ground-to-air missile; news kept secret for 22 years
- Kenyan Minister for Culture and Social Services Henry Kosgey visits China
- Third meeting of Sino-Thai Joint Economic Commission meets in Bangkok
- Romanian Minister of Foreign Trade and International Economic Cooperation Ilie Vaduva visits China
- Eighth round of Sino-Indian border talks closes in New Delhi
- Chinese State Councillor Gu Mu visits Australia and New Zealand
- 18 Nov 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman denies China supplies arms to Philippine communists or to Iran
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman welcomes the US-Soviet intermediate-range missile agreement but points out that such missiles are only a small portion of the two countries' arsenals
- 19 Nov 87 Premier and CCP General Secretary Zhao Ziyang formally invites new Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to visit China in 1988

- PLA Air Force pilot Liu Zhiyuan defects to Taiwan in MiG-19 fighter
- 21 Nov 87 Bangladesh Jatiyo Party General Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister Shah Moazzam Hussain visits China  
Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin leads economic delegation to Cuba and signs trade protocol
- 23 Nov 87 China hosts its first large international military exhibition in Beijing
- 24 Nov 87 Laotian First Deputy Foreign Minister Khamphai Boupha visits China; China and Laos agree to restore relations and exchange ambassadors
- 26 Nov 87 Venezuelan opposition Christian Social Party delegation visits China
- 28 Nov 87 Sino-Polish agreement on goods exchange for 1988 is signed  
China and the Soviet Union sign two documents on utilizing water resources of Sino-Soviet border rivers
- 29 Nov 87 President of the US National Defense University Lieutenant General Bradley Hosmer leads delegation to China
- 30 Nov 87 Deputy Chief of the PLA General Staff Xu Xin visits Thailand for 60th birthday celebrations for the Thai King  
Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahir al-Masri visits China for working talks with his Chinese counterpart Wu Xueqian  
China and the Yemen Arab Republic sign 1987-89 sports protocol  
NPC Vice Chairman Liao Hansheng leads delegation to Portugal  
President of the CCP Party School and Member of the Central Advisory Commission Gao Yang leads delegation to Italy  
Botswanan Democratic Party delegation visits China  
Hong Kong Governor David Wilson visits China
- 1 Dec 87 According to Agence France-Presse, China has told the DPRK that it will attend the 1988 Seoul Olympics even if Pyongyang tries to organize a boycott  
German Democratic Republic (GDR) Minister of Foreign Affairs Oskar Fischer visits China and signs cooperation agreement  
Deputy Commander of the PLA Air Force Yu Zhenwu leads delegation to France

- China begins cancelling import deals from Japan on certain items, apparently to protest Japan's tightening of export controls
- 2 Dec 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman reiterates China's opposition to extending the arms race to outer space  
In response to reassertion of the Philippines' claim to the Kalayaan (Nansha) Islands in the South China Sea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman states China's claim that the islands are an inalienable part of Chinese territory
- 3 Dec 87 China and the Soviet Union sign scientific and technical protocol  
Ministry of Public Security reports that more than 7,000 people from Taiwan visited China in November 1987  
Fijian Foreign Minister Filipe Bole and Minister of Economic Development, Planning, Trade, and Industry Isimeli Bose pay working visit to China  
China and Bulgaria exchange instruments of ratification on bilateral consular treaty
- 4 Dec 87 First-ever China Industrial Technology Export Fair held in Hong Kong
- 6 Dec 87 First official Costa Rican delegation visits China; the two nations have not yet established diplomatic relations  
Belgian Armed Forces Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant General Maurice Gysemberg visits China  
Iranian Minister of Construction Jihad Bijan Namdar-Zangeneh visits China  
Federal German Communist Party Chairman Herbert Mies leads delegation to China
- 7 Dec 87 Symposium on European Economic Commission investment in China opens in Beijing
- 9 Dec 87 China sponsors first export commodities fair in Qatar  
Cypriot Foreign Ministry Director General Andreas Mavrommatis visits China and signs cultural agreement
- 10 Dec 87 Party delegation from the Rally of the Togolese People visits China
- 11 Dec 87 Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhu Qizhen meets with US Ambassador to China Winston Lord to express strong

dissatisfaction with US Congressional amendment on alleged human rights violations in Tibet

Chinese peace statue in Nagasaki is defaced in fifth such anti-Chinese incident in Japan since June 1987

PLA Commander of the Shenyang Military Region Liu Jingsong visits the DPRK; Pyongyang confers medals of honor on delegation

China and France renew cultural exchange agreement

15 Dec 87 Sami Musallam, special envoy of PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat, visits China

Hong Kong branch of Xinhua invites Taiwan oppositionist leader Lei Yu-chi to discuss reunification with mainland officials

16 Dec 87 Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman condemns Israel's "cruel repression and persecution of Palestinian residents"

17 Dec 87 Vanuatu President George Ati Sokomanu pays official visit to China

19 Dec 87 Vice Premier Wan Li pays official goodwill visit to Thailand

21 Dec 87 Sudanese Prime Minister Al-Sadiq al-Mahdi visits China

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev arrives in China to brief Chinese Government on results of US-Soviet summit and INF treaty; expresses optimism about Sino-Soviet summit meeting

Yang Wei, a Chinese student who studied at the University of Arizona and returned to China, is convicted of counter-revolutionary crimes in 1987 student demonstrations in China; earlier US Senate resolution called for his release and Chinese students in the US signed a petition for the same purpose

22 Dec 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs demands return of several Chinese fishermen and two boats seized by Japan for illegally entering Japanese waters 18 December

Mongolian trade delegation visits China to sign China-Mongolia 1988 trade protocol

23 Dec 87 China reaffirms it has no bilateral relations with South Korea

Chinese firms have filed demands for compensation from losses due to breach of contracts following the Japanese Toshiba case

- 24 Dec 87 China and the Soviet Union sign sports protocol for 1988  
Yemen Arab Republic President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih visits  
China
- 26 Dec 87 Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies US reports that it has sold C-801 missiles (that are more advanced than Silkworms)
- 28 Dec 87 Sino-Soviet trade protocol for 1988 is signed
- 29 Dec 87 2-year cultural agreement signed with Peru
- 30 Dec 87 Two Chinese diplomats reportedly are expelled from the United States on suspicion of spying

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1987

### Domestic Affairs

- 26 Oct 87 State Family Planning Commission says policies since 1979 have been effective
- 30 Oct 87 CCP Central Advisory Commission issues work report to the 13th National Congress
- 2 Nov 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) report on the closing session of the 13th National Congress concludes that a "new chapter" in the history of the party has been opened
- 4 Nov 87 CCP Central Discipline Inspection Commission publicizes its work report.
- Hong Kong Standard reports that new Chinese leadership heralds the beginning of the "Zhao Ziyang era"
- 5 Nov 87 President Li Xiannian tells reporters he will step down soon; a 9 November Kyodo report says he will retire in February along with Peng Zhen and Deng Yingchao
- According to a reliable Chinese source, Li Peng will almost certainly be the new premier
- Journalist Liu Binyan, expelled from the CCP in January 1987, says he and other intellectuals welcome the fall of hardliner Deng Liqun from the party leadership
- 6 Nov 87 China's economic structural reform has reportedly shifted from focusing on price reform to improving the contract system
- 7 Nov 87 By the end of August, 28 firms in 6 cities were placed on a national bankruptcy warning list in 1987; 2 were declared bankrupt
- 8 Nov 87 According to Kyodo, Deng Liqun, who was removed from the CCP Central Committee, is suspected of fabricating additions to former Hu Yaobang's letters of self-criticism
- 15 Nov 87 China plans to gradually institute a civil service system
- 16 Nov 87 Chinese economist Xue Muqiao says China should never allow a capitalist revival but cannot eliminate capitalism entirely
- 17 Nov 87 NPC Standing Committee considers supplementary regulations against smuggling, embezzlement, and bribery with heavier punishment
- Sixteen QIANJIAO 7 fighter trainer aircraft pass technical inspection
- 18 Nov 87 China's first draft water control law is introduced at 23rd

- meeting of 6th NPC Standing Committee; NPC urges early ratification
- 20 Nov 87 Sixth National Games open in Guangzhou
- 24 Nov 87 NPC Standing Committee approves trial version of Village Committee Law to promote socialist democracy in rural areas  
Li Peng appointed acting Premier of the State Council after Zhao Ziyang's resignation  
Sixth NPC adopts rules of procedure for convening meetings, deliberating proposals, and voting methods, etc.  
Chi Haotian is appointed PLA Chief of the General Staff; Yang Baibing Director of the General Political Department; and Zhao Nanqi Director of the General Logistics Department
- 27 Nov 87 Renmin Ribao (Beijing) article on separation of party and government says it will allow organs of state power to work efficiently and allow the party to play its leading role
- 1 Dec 87 Cheng Ming (Hong Kong) reports on internal leadership disputes in the CCP related to the 13th National Congress  
Beijing, Shanghai, and Tianjin begin pork and sugar rationing  
Zhao Ziyang tells State Council reform is the most urgent task for China
- 2 Dec 87 PLA naval forces successfully complete long-range military exercises in the West Pacific and South China Sea from mid-October to late November; exercises included simulated combat under nuclear and chemical warfare conditions  
China's Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League adopts new constitution as part of China's campaign for reunification with Taiwan
- 3 Dec 87 China's first shipboard helicopter successfully completes test take-off and landing
- 4 Dec 87 China Daily (Beijing) reports that compulsory labor system is organized to repair and improve irrigation facilities  
Systematic study of "China's National Defense in the Year 2000" has been completed by the Academy of Military Sciences
- 6 Dec 87 Dissident journalist Liu Binyan is allowed to travel overseas and to publish his writings
- 7 Dec 87 Over 1,000 Chinese university students demonstrate to protest the murder of a student stabbed by hoodlums who entered the campus of the University of Foreign Economic Relations and

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Liaowang (Beijing) rebuts criticism of Zhao Ziyang's statement that the initial stage of socialism will last at least 100 years

China approves its first 5-year program for studies in various aspects of military science; Chinese Military Science, a quarterly journal, to be published in 1988

China's first national census reveals that just under 5 percent of the total population is disabled in some way, including having poor eyesight

10 Dec 87 All large and medium-sized enterprises will institute a piece rate system for wages, marking a further step toward eventual elimination of the fixed wage system

12 Dec 87 Xinhua criticizes the Ministry of Light Industry for cancelling the exhibition of inferior merchandise held in Beijing in December

14 Dec 87 In a major breakthrough in China's radar technology, the SEA HAWK phase-scanning triple-coordinate radar for warship use passes design tests

21 Dec 87 Bank of China begins issuing first and only credit card figured in renminbi, the Great Wall Mastercard

Yang Wei, a Chinese student who returned to China after studying in the United States, is convicted of committing counter-revolutionary crimes during the student demonstrations of early 1987

22 Dec 87 China's 1987 textile exports expected to increase 30 percent over 1986

23 Dec 87 A young hooligan is sentenced to death in Beijing for the murder of a student at the University of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade

Qian Da, a representative of the Chinese Alliance for Democracy, is deported after he was discovered attending the trial of Yang Wei

24 Dec 87 According to Wen Wei Po (Hong Kong), the CCP Central Committee reportedly approves discontinuing publication of Hongqi [Red Flag] (Beijing); other sources deny this

Li Peng replaces Li Xiannian as head of the Foreign Affairs Leading Group, according to a Hong Kong newspaper

Li Peng and Hu Qili cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the Beijing subway roundabout line

- 25 Dec 87 According to the Bureau of Real Estate Industry Administration, housing costs are rising at an average rate of 15 percent per year
- 28 Dec 87 According to unconfirmed reports, Mao Zedong's widow Jiang Qing has been released from prison, lives in a villa in the Beijing suburbs, and may be in poor health; other reports suggest she is in a military hospital
- China decides to abandon the use of mu as a unit of measurement, but has not decided whether to replace it with square hectares, square kilometers, or a new unit
- 29 Dec 87 According to Hong Kong Television, two leading intellectual dissidents in China, Fang Lizhi and Liu Binyang, have been nominated to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, possibly to show that China can tolerate criticism
- New guided missile frigate enters the PLA Navy
- For the first time in 38 years, China's 1987 gross national product will top 1,000 billion yuan, nine percent higher than 1986
- 30 Dec 87 State Statistical Bureau discloses that China has reduced its foreign trade deficit by \$8.5 billion; it is now \$3.5 billion